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Petition submitted calling for special school board vote

■ If petition is ruled valid, school board's decision to appoint Juan Barcenas will be reversed

By Steve Marschke

A petition with 287 signatures on it was delivered to the Yolo County School Superintendent's office Friday, demanding an election to fill the West Sacramento school board seat left vacant by the resignation of Nancy Candee.

A three-member board majority of the Washington Unified School District has already filled that seat with the appointment of Juan Barcenas (a local police officer), but the appointment will be nullified if the petition is ruled to be valid.

"We have 30 days to validate the signatures," said Elizabeth Zemmels, the county superintendent of schools. "If the signatures are found to be valid, we will consolidate this election with the June 2 county-wide election."

221 of the signatures must be found to be valid signatures of local voters in order for the demand to be legally binding, leaving petitioners a 66-vote margin for invalid signatures among the names submitted.

Were the county to call a special election to fill the empty seat, the cost to the district had been estimated at approximately $25,000 to $30,000. By consolidating the election instead with the one already scheduled in June, the estimated cost would be less -- about $12,500 to $13,000, said an elections department spokesperson.

Several community members criticized the process used by board members to select Barcenas following an open application process for the vacant seat, which is due for a regular election next November. Board members Pat Flint, Irene Eklund and Hal Williams voted for Barcenas, with board president Ardeene Westvik voicing a preference for a different candidate, and a heated community debate about the selection and the selection process quickly followed.

The school board's next regularly scheduled meeting is Jan. 13. The county will rule on whether the petition is valid and the "provisional" appointment of Barcenas is to be "terminated" before that meeting occurs.

If the petition is ruled valid, Barcenas will immediately cease to be a board member -- unless he chooses to become an election candidate and wins the race on June 2.

Student hospitality

LEFT: Students in Mrs. Laughlin's fifth grade class at Westmore Oaks Elementary School welcomed News-Ledger editor Steve Marschke for a visit to discuss the newspaper industry, newspapers on the internet, and related media issues.

The visit, like many such visits to Mrs. Laughlin's class, was organized by Howard Smith (at rear near left), a retired Roseville resident who used to work for a West Sacramento business. Smith has "adopted" the class as he has other Westmore Oaks classes previously.

Mrs. Laughlin is pictured in the rear at right.

Redevelopment, Part IV

Laws protecting housing often a factor

Editor's note: This is the fourth of a five part installment in the News-Ledger examining the city's attempts to remake its image through its redevelopment agency.

This week, reporter Sandra Larson looks at the laws protecting housing for the low income and how they affect redevelopment plans.

By Sandra Larson

Affordable housing requirements, characterized by Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan as "oppressively restrictive" and "draconian," have proven costly and frustrating in many ways for a new city intent on growth and change. Strict interpretation of redevelopment law regarding replacement of low-income housing, particularly in defining motels as residences of last resort, has restricted the agency's options for elimination of blight in West Sacramento's central business district. For example, the city cannot afford to consider the purchase and conversion of the 400-unit El Rancho Motel, once considered a potential site for West Sacramento's civic center.

"The low-income housing issue has hampered [West Sacramento] since cityhood. The city is not involved in the El Rancho because of replacement housing and that property is off the tax roles, not contributing to the core downtown," observed Sacramento Land Company's Bryan Turner.

In 1996, the city sought legislative relief. On West Sacramento's behalf, State Senator Maurice Johannessen introduced an amendment to the State Housing Law that would have restricted and regulated the conversion of motels from transient occupancy to residential use. The bill was opposed by housing advocates statewide. "West Sacramento has a unique case. No one else was interested," said city lobbyist Joe Gonsalves, "so it failed." Gonsalves was referring to West Sacramento's motel strip which has been in decline since the construction of the I-80 re-routed travelers from downtown Sacramento.

Newly-elected Mayor Wes Beers said West Sacramento "got hammered on motel low-income housing," but he doesn't think legislation is the answer. "Larger cities don't want to deal with the issue because it's not their problem," he said, and the legislature doesn't want to "vote against poor people."

"Deteriorating motels and small trailer parks on West Capitol are our problem," he continued, and "creating an economic environment that makes those properties more valuable for another use. . . has more chance of success than going to the legislature." Completion of the Money Store and location of city hall somewhere in the downtown area are important steps in the revitalization of West Capitol Avenue and the central business district, Beers said.

Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Cabaldon has proposed to finance a change in the economic environment of West Capitol Avenue with an increase in the transient occupancy tax paid by people who stay in local hotels and motels from eight to 12 percent. He proposes to spend 30 percent of the new taxes on grants and loans to help motel owners convert their rooms to mixed-use apartments (including affordable housing) and retail use. Thirty percent would go to rehabilitation and marketing of motels which prohibit residential use (with exceptions for existing residents); 30 percent would provide relocation assistance for motel residents who wish to move to residential rentals; and ten percent would be allocated to public improvements along West Capitol Avenue. The West Sacramento Hotel-Motel Association maintains that West Sacramento's motel industry remains "viable," and that the city should have provided tax money in previous years for them to conduct their own marketing efforts.

What about code enforcement

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JIM REPACE, president of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, joins BUZZ OATES, a regional developer, and FRANK RAMOS, president of RAMCO Enterprises in West Sacramento and frequent partner of Oates, at last week's chamber meeting. Oates was the featured speaker.

Photo courtesy of Art Schroeder, West Sac. Redevelopment Agency

Juvenile arrested in Tower Bridge road accident last month

Several youths have been questioned and one 15-year old West Sacramento boy has been arrested in connection with a Nov. 23 incident in which a metal bar dropped from a railroad overpass, bounced off the roadway and punctured both a car floor and a woman-passenger's leg.

The 22-year old UC Davis student injured in that incident is recovering.

As the victim rode in the back seat of a car towards Sacramento on West Sacramento's Highway 275 (the Tower Bridge approach) that day, a male subject was seen to have dropped a metal pry-bar to the road below from a rail overpass. The four-foot bar bounced up an several feet of it went through both the car floor and the victim's leg. The car's occupants sought help in Sacramento, where responding firefighters opted to drive it to the hospital before removing the car roof and extricating the woman from the metal bar and car.

"There was more than one person in the area (on the overpass), but the subject we arrested last night (Monday) appeared to be the one who physically threw the bar off the overpass," said Lt. David Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Department.

The suspect, whose identity is being withheld because of his age, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon and a vehicle code violation relating to throwing an object at the car and road.

Farmer declined to speculate whether the youth was attempting to hit the car with the metal bar and said the suspect's comments to police at this time have been "somewhat vague."

'Tis the season for crime increase, local police warn

Lt. David Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Dept. warns that the holiday season is also the season for an upswing in certain crimes.

"Traditionally, thefts from vehicles and burglaries of houses both tend to rise somewhat this time of year," Farmer commented.

Residents are reminded to take common-sense precautions such as locking their vehicles when unattended, securing their homes properly when not at home, and covering or hiding any packages or parcels left in unattended cars.

Santa's route

With apologies for a communication problem between the News-Ledger and Santa's elves (who are a little busy this time of year), here is the schedule of remaining visits by Santa Claus atop a West Sacramento Fire Department truck this season.

Every year, the local firefighters association, with support from police officers, sponsors a tour of West Sacramento by Santa, and this year's tour is partly over. But if your neighborhood has already been visited, or you live on a dead-end street, cul-de-sac or trailer park, you can travel in the evening to a neighborhood below.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Santa will tour the Southport area in the evening.

Friday, Dec. 19: Santa will tour the area north of the barge canal, west of Jefferson Blvd., south of the freeway and east of Deerwood.

For more information, call 552-2072. Please do not call 9-1-1 for information about this event.

GSMS principal moves

The Washington Unified School District has announced that Diane Smith, principal at Golden State Middle School, will be transferred to Southport Elementary School March 1 to become its first principal.

The elementary school is now under construction on Linden Road and is slated to open its doors in the fall of 1998.

The district's press release stated that the transfer is occurring at Smith's request.

Corrections

An article last week on a presentation made to a Holy Cross School student contained an incorrect headline referring to a different school

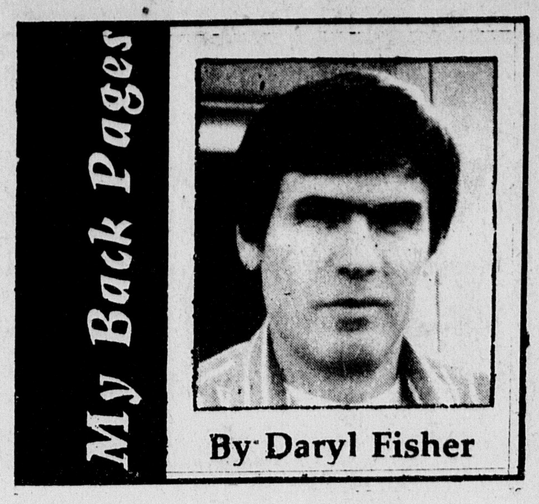
The text itself was accurate.

Also in the same issue, a pair of photo captions were transposed. The caption for the members of the city commission on aging was switched with the caption for the city youth commission.

The News-Ledger has received no information whether the members of either of those groups was pleased with the misidentification.

The newspaper regrets the errors.

Does your wife have Christmas Decorating Disease?



About a week or so ago I noticed that one of my neighbors (I'll call him Dave) was busy hanging up his outside Christmas lights. Being the helpful person I am, I decided to stroll across the street and see if he needed any assistance. "Thanks," he said from the ladder he was teetering on, "but I think I've got it pretty much under control."

"Hanging up all that stuff looks like it's a two person job," I said as he continued to struggle with a long string of multi-colored light bulbs. "How come your wife (I'll call her Deanna) isn't out here giving you a hand?"

That brought a smile to his face and he said, "Well, I do most of the outside Christmas decorating, and Deanna does the inside. In fact, she's probably in the house right this very minute ordering some more junk out of that darn holiday gift catalog of hers. She says all that stuff only costs about four dollars each, but she's four-dollaring me to death."

"My wife goes a little nuts at Christmas time, too," I admitted with deep empathy. "She's collected so many ornaments over the years that now we need a twenty-foot high tree just to hang them all up."

Later that night, I decided to mention to my wife that I had actually volunteered to help one of our neighbors hang up his outside Christmas lights. "He didn't let you, did he?" she asked with concern, well aware that I have a tendency to screw things like that up.

"No," I said, "but it looks like his wife is suffering from Christmas decoration disease just like you."

"Is that right," she said, glaring at me. "And just what is Christmas decoration disease?"

"Well, just look around," I said, pointing to all the candles, wreaths, miniature Kris Kringles and poinsettia plants which currently litter my house. "A person can barely take a step around here without tripping over a Christmas do-dad. The next thing I know we'll have one of those frogs that croak out Jingle Bells."

"They are not do-dads," explained my wife with emphasis. "And just what is wrong with making the house look Christmassy at this time of year? It's the season to be merry, remember?"

"But do we really need all this stuff to celebrate Christmas?" I asked, pointing to some of the brightly colored nicknacks, scented candle jars and nativity scenes on top of the desk and piano. "And must we have a table cloth on the dining room that says 'Joy To The World' on it?"

"I happen to like how the house is decorated," said my wife, "and so do the kids. We can't help it if you're an old scrooge."

"Look, I tell you what," I said with my best compromising voice, "I won't say another word if you will just please get rid of those things that are hanging on all of our doorknobs. What are they, anyway?"

"They're just door things," she explained with apparent simplicity.

"Door things?

"You know, things you hang on doorknobs at Christmas time."

"I know you hang them on doors, but why, and what are the darn things called?"

"I don't know. Who cares?"

Unable to convince my wife that no matter what the season, nothing should be allowed into a house which cannot be identified by name, I turned my attention to her latest purchase, a three- foot-high Christmas tree constructed totally out of old empty Coca-Cola cans. "You're not really going to put that out where people can actually see it, are you?" I asked her.

"Of course I am. I've got a spot near the kitchen window already picked out for it."

"You're going to put it in a window?"

"Sure. It has pretty little green, red, blue and yellow lights on it. People will be able to see it from the street. All I need is an extension cord. You haven't seen one around, have you?"

"Mary," I said as sternly as I could, "no way are you putting a Christmas tree made out of old Coca-Cola cans where all our neighbors can see it. I'm sorry, but I'm really going to have to put my foot down on this one."

"Right," she said, trying unsuccessfully to contain her laughter as she went off in search of an extension cord.

Police log

Dec. 13, 2:02 p.m.

Officers responded for the fourth time that day to a Pine St. apartment regarding a 33-year old man stalking and threatening an ex-girlfriend. He fled twice from police, once jumping out a second story window. He showed symptoms of being under the influence of drugs and admitted having smoked rock cocaine that day. He was arrested.

Dec. 14, 9:47 p.m.

An officer saw a man next to a parked vehicle in a "drug area" of West Capitol Ave. The officer pulled a U-turn to approach the man, and saw the man place an object on the parked car's right rear tire and turn to walk away from the officer. The police officer confronted the man and attempted to perform a pat search for officer safety, but the man repeatedly pulled away. When a second officer arrived,

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This week in local government

A meeting of the **West Sacramento Planning Commission** will take place on December 18 at 6 p.m. in city council chambers, 2101 Stone Blvd. Agenda items will include:

Zoning administrator actions.

Continued consideration of an application seeking approval of the Pacific Bell Mobile Services Conditional Use Permit.

Workshop on proposed amendments to the West Sacramento Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion of street name options for new boulevard.

Informal discussion.

The January 1, 1998 meeting of the **West Sacramento Planning Commission** has been canceled.

The next meeting will take place on January 15, 1998 at 6 p.m. in the city council chamber located at 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento.

Obituaries

George P. Gregory III

George P. Gregory III (junior) died in Redding on Dec. 13, 1997.

He was born in his family home in West Sacramento's Bryte neighborhood to the late George and Frances Gregory on April 26, 1926.

He lived in the Bryte area for many years and was a well-known roofer. He later moved to Placerville and then Redding.

He was the loving father of Jim and David Clark, Joe and George Gregory, Carol Polly and Anna Marie Morrison. He also had 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and is survived as well by sister Kay Stenholm and brother Leland Gregory, Sr., both of West Sacramento.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Fred A. Gregory and George Kozvan and five sisters.

There were no services, at Mr. Gregory's request.

Willis Bates

Willis Bates, a former member of the legendary "Merrill's Marauders" outfit during W.W. II, died Dec. 7 at his home.

Bates, a West Sacramento resident, was a retired postal worker. In 1943, he volunteered for the elite army unit led by Brig. General Frank Merrill, with the mission of recapturing northern Burma from the Japanese. The group was trained in commando tactics and engaged in months of hit-and-run fighting with the Japanese.

Mr. Bates was awarded many decorations including the Bronze Star for valor.

He moved to West Sacramento in 1960 and worked in the main post office in downtown Sacramento.

In addition to his wife of 45 years, Patricia Roberts Bates, he is survived by sons William P. Bates of Somerset, James E. Bates of Elk Grove and Michael J. Bates of West Sacramento; daughter Tonia Larson of Portland, Oregon; sisters Dorothy Stinson and Betty Jo Bates of Lubbock, Texas; by five grandchildren and by one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held Our Lady of Grace Church. He was buried at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine.

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Church of the Nazarene Jeff Woods, Pastor 1716 Willow Ave., West Sacramento Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:50 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Nursery care provided 371-7340	**IS YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP LISTED HERE?** **Call: 371-8030 for details**	**First Southern Baptist Church** Pastor Michael Root Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Wed. 6:30 p.m. Prayer Mtg., 2124 Michigan Blvd. Bible Study 371-2111

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SPORTS

Sports Insider

By Richard Novoa

The 49ers secured the home-field advantage through-out the playoffs but their was some bad news to go along with the good.

The good news is that the road to the Super Bowl may travel through San Francisco. The bad news is that Jerry Rice, who returned to the line up after 15 weeks, re-injured his left knee and will miss the playoffs!

Rice caught three passes for 40 yards and a touchdown but was it really worth it? Rice cracked his left knee cap and had surgery on Tuesday.

I bet the 49ers are wishing they should have waited three weeks before returning Rice to their line up!

The 49ers No. 1 defense scored two defensive touchdowns in their 34-17 victory over Denver before the third largest crowd (68,461) in 3Com Park history. The 49ers can now relax a little and take it easy this Sunday for their ESPN game (5 p.m) in Seattle. It time to heal players and wait for the return of their injured 1,000 yard rusher - Garrison Hearst.

In the NFC playoff race, the Packers won the Central Divison and the New York Giants clinched the East division title with their 30-10 win over Washington. How about Tampa Bay Bucs, who clinched their first playoff spot since 1982, with their 31-0 loss to the Jets. The Bucs had no sacks, three pass completions, six dropped passes, one fumble and 111 yards of total offensive! Is that the team that beat the 49ers in the season opener? The Bucs could be the 49ers first playoff opponent. It's simple for the Vikings and Lions, they control their own destiny for the playoffs. They win - they in! The Redskins still have a slim chance but the Cowboys, Eagles, and Panthers are out!

In the AFC, the Jets make the playoffs with a win over Detroit. The Patriots could've clinched the East but they lost to Pittsburgh on Saturday and now must play in Miami, in a do or die Monday night game! If the Jets lose to the Lions, both the Patriots and Dolphins are in, with the winner claiming the AFC East and first round home game. The Chiefs (12-3) have the home-field advantage through out the playoffs and the Steelers and Jaguars are seeded second and third.

The Denver Broncos (11-4) may have to play on the road if they don't win in San Diego on Sunday!

See ya next week!

Kings' Korner

By Richard Novoa

The Sacramento Kings (7-16) are on the road this week in Texas, to play back to back games against the Houston Rockets (12-7) on Friday night and the Dallas Mavericks (5-17) on Saturday, Dec. 20. The Kings are 1-5 this season in the second game of back to back games. The Kings will return to the Arco on Monday, Dec. 22 against the Minnesota Timberwolves (9-12). Tickets are available for this game by calling any BASS outlet or at the Arco Box Office.

Mitch Richmond only scored 17 points in the Kings 93-89 loss to the Hawks last Sunday, but it gave him 16,275 career points moving him into 57th on the NBA's all-time list. He passed Randy Smith (16,262), Paul Arizin (16,266), Reggie Miller (16,269). Next on the list at No. 56, is James Worthy (16,320).

The NBA has advised the teams it is cracking down on excessive use of profanity by coaches and players during games. Offenders will be fined $2,500 and could be suspended. The league is also considering dropping the annual slam-dunk competition at the All-Star game and replacing it with an event called "2 Ball".

The league would team one player from the NBA and one WNBA player from the same city in a shooting contest. More details next week.

See ya at the Arco!!

More community news

West Sacramento Moose Lodge calendar

The West Sacramento Moose Lodge announces the following upcoming events:

Sunday breakfast served each week from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Check with the lodge (371-9684) for menu specials.

Community Service Committee Christmas Dance Party on Friday, Dec. 19. Sponsored by the West Sacramento Moose and the West Sacramento Parks & Recreation - Special Programs. For more information contact Julie at Parks and Recreation, or Mauda Butte at the lodge at 371-9684.

Crab Feed and Dance, Dec. 20. Donation $25 each, featuring all you can eat crab, followed by entertainment by Stagecoach Karaoke. Moose members are guests are invited to attend. For more information contact chairman Buddy Linker at 371-9684.

New Year's Eve Celebration, Dec. 31. Ring in the new year with dinner and dancing at the Moose. Menu will include steak and prawns, plus special dinner show by popular "Elvis" impersonator Kenny Reeves. Enjoy this Las Vegas-style performance followed by dancing to the oldies with Kenny. Donation for the dinner and show will be $12 per person. Members and guests should contact the lodge to make reservations as soon as possible. Call 371-9684.

For information about Moose membership, please contact the lodge governor, James "Doc" Costa, or senior regent, Judy Buck, at 371-9684.

RC beats Argonaut

By Chuck Robinson

River City High School's varsity basketball team lost to Christian Brothers, 73 to 61. Victor Valdivia led with 23 points, 8 rebounds; Malcom Floyd, 15 points, 14 rebounds; James Johnson, 9 points, 4 assists; Radai Mashriqi, 7 points, 4 assists; Chris Hasegawa, 4 points; Andrey Zolnikov, 2 points; and Ramphanh Keomek, 1 point.

Wednesday night at home, R.C. had a ball with Argonaut. The freshmen lost in triple overtime. The junior varsity won in overtime, and varsity won in regular time, 71 to 63. Valdivia led with 34 points, 7 rebounds; Mashriqi, 10 points, 3 assists; Floyd, 9 points, 5 assists, 12 rebounds; Gary Herren, 6 points, 6 rebounds; Zolnikov, 6 points; David Godwin, 4 points, 10 rebounds; and Hasegawa, 2 points, 8 assists.

Junior Varsity Wins a Pair

The junior varsity beat Christian Brothers, 56 to 36. Eric King scored 10 points, 7 rebounds; Casey Insixiengmay, 10 points; Zafar Niazi, 9 points, 5 rebounds; Javes Figeroa, 9 points, 7 assists; Andrew Hoekstra, 8 points, 14 rebounds; Huy Truong, 4 points; Malfred Shaw, 4 points; and Andy Amphonephong, 2 points.

In overtime, the junior varsity beat Argonaut 64 to 60. R.C. won on free-throws, with Figueroa 6 for 6 and Argonaut 0 for 7. Niazi led with 19 points, 7 rebounds; Truong, 12 points; Figeroa, 12 points, 7 assists; Insixiengmay, 8 points, 7 rebounds; David Saldana, 5 points; Eric King and Brooks Marino, 2 points each.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, River City varsity will play in the Folsom Tournament.

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a pat-search was performed and the police located several bundles of rock cocaine in the man's possession. He was arrested.

Dec. 15, 4:43 a.m.

An Arthur Dr. woman reported her 24-year old son was getting violent and was at her location in violation of a restraining order. He was also carrying a sword, and had previously shot at her dwelling once. Police contacted the man, who was carrying a "large Highlander sword," and determined the man had not yet been served with the restraining order. He was arrested and released on a notice to appear in court.

Dec. 15, 6:15 a.m.

A Riverside Parkway business reported a company vehicle had been stolen over the weekend.

Dec. 15, 8:05 a.m.

An Industrial Blvd. business (one of several in this area and West Capitol to lodge such reports) said it had been burglarized. A window had been smashed and a subject evidently reached through and grabbed a computer off a desk.

Dec. 15, 10:47 a.m.

A West Capitol Ave. machine shop reported a burglary over the weekend. A $4,000 welding machine was taken.

Dec. 15, 12:17 p.m.

A Cummins Way man reported his 13-year old son -- a runaway one prior time -- had left the house in good spirits the prior day to visit friends and not returned. The man was concerned.

Police determined the youth was in juvenile hall.

Dec. 15, 6:11 p.m.

A 40-year old homeless man was reported yelling obscenities at passersby.

Dec. 15, 1:10 p.m.

Police reported to a domestic assault charge. A woman said she was choked and injured by a 69-year old live-in boyfriend on 6th St. An officer observed two lacerations on her forearm and an injured shin, but no visible bruising on the throat. The man was arrested.

Dec. 15, 11 p.m.

An officer saw a cyclist without a light Kegle Dr. and stopped him. The 21-year old Hardy Dr. man was the subject of a probable cause for arrest regarding previous terrorist threats, and was arrested.

Dec. 15, 12:10 a.m.

A police department employee called from home asking someone to turn off the Christmas lights in the records department, which had been left on by mistake.

Dec. 15, 4:18 a.m.

A West Capitol Ave. motel resident a subject had threatened him with a stick and possibly put a bomb in his vehicle. The dispute was over money. Police could find no evidence of a bomb or other crime.

Sports Quiz
by Aaron E. Tucker

1. How many lifetime baseball games did Warren Spah win for the Boston-Milwaukee Braves during his great career?
2. Name the first person to hit a home run in an All-Star BaseballGame.
3. What was all-star great Andre Dawson's nickname and can you name the last team he played for during his illustrious career?
4. Whom did Willie Mays replace as centerfielder after 19 games in the 1951 season for the New York Giants?
5. Name four baseball teams that David Cone has pitched for in his fantastic career.
6. Name the two players whom Cal Ripken, Jr. has surpassed in all-time Baltimore home runs and RBI's.
7. Name the only player to win M.V.P. Awards in both the American and National Leagues during his career.
8. What war did one of baseball's best player, Ted Williams, serve in?

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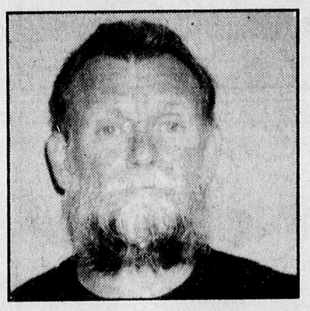
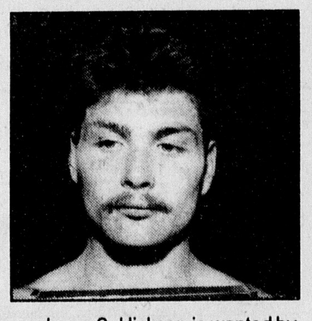
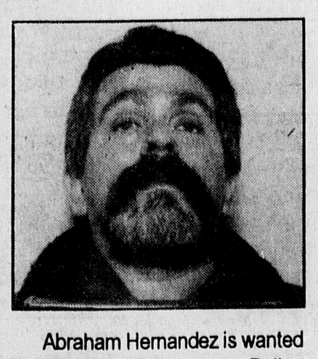


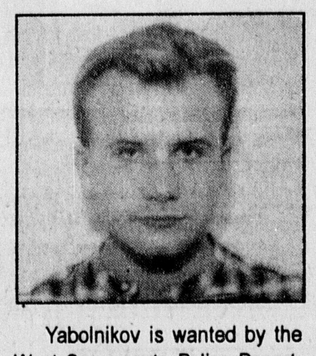
Loren Stacey is wanted by the Woodland Parole Office and the West Sacramento Police Department for being a parolee at large, and for failing to report to the Woodland Parole Office. Stacey, a 48-year old male with brown hair and blue eyes, stands 5'8" and weighs 130 pounds. He is believed to be in the Pecan Street or West Capitol area of West Sacramento.



Jason S. Hickson is wanted by the West Sacramento Police Department for corporal injury to cohabitant. Hickson, a 21-year-old male with brown hair and blue eyes, stands 5'7" and weighs 155 pounds. He is believed to be residing in West Sacramento.

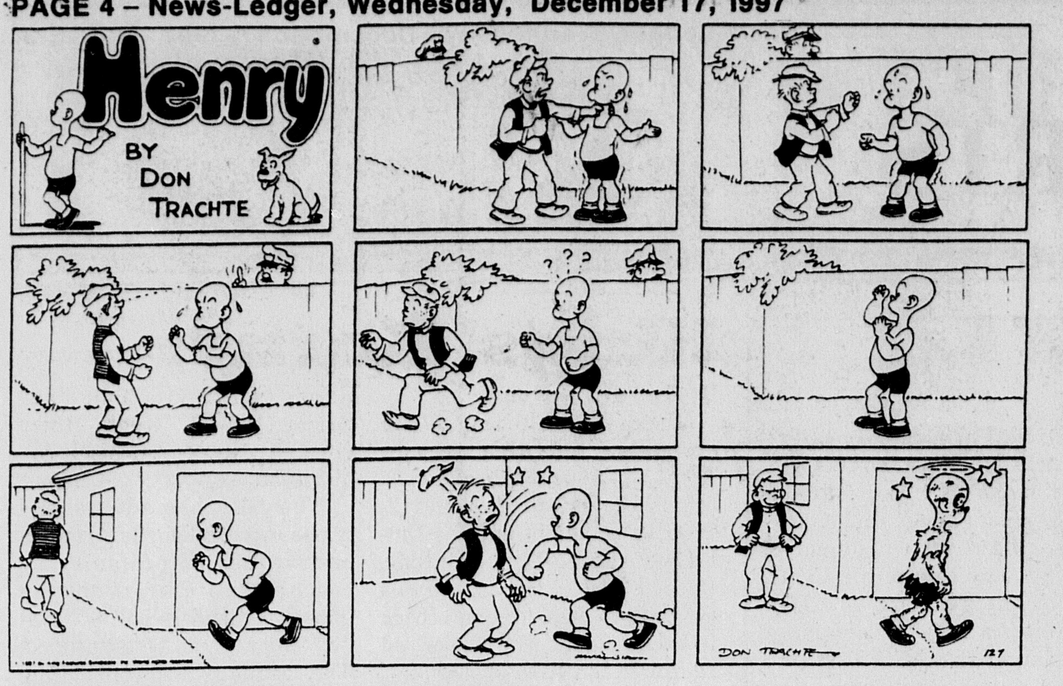


Abraham Hernandez is wanted by the West Sacramento Police Department for transportation of dangerous drugs. Hernandez, a 55-year-old male with brown hair and eyes, stands 5'9" and weighs 200 pounds. He is believed to be residing in West Sacramento.



Yabolnikov is wanted by the West Sacramento Police Department for burglary. Yabolnikov, a 21-year-old male with brown hair and hazel eyes, stands 5'9" and weighs 145 pounds. He is believed to be residing in West Sacramento.

If you have information regarding the whereabouts of any of these individuals, please contact the West Sacramento Police Department, Warrants Section, at 372-2461, ext. 226, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you know the immediate location of the person outside of normal business hours, contact West Sacramento Police Department Dispatch at 375-6474.



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL

DOUGIE, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS!
MOM AND DAD ARE GOING TO KNOW WE WERE PLAYING WITH THE HAIR DRYER!!
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Alex Howell

BRINGING UP FATHER
by FRANK JOHNSON
OH NO!
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!
IT'S ONLY THREE O'CLOCK AND I'M GETTING HUNGER PAINS!
WHEN MY BODY TELLS ME TO GET UP AND GO...
THEN I GO!
FIRST, A BREATH OF FRESH AIR!
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I DON'T WAKE ANYONE!
SHHH!
NOW WHAT?!
SORRY MY CHEWING WOKE YOU UP! BURP!
12-7

POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
AHOY, MAMA! I GOTTA GREAT IDEAR!
THIS'LL GIVE YA A BREAK!
INSTEAD OF COOKIN' T'NIGHT LET'S GET JAPANESE TAKE-OUT!
YER TOO GOOD TA ME, SONNY
NAW! YA DESERVE IT...
...YA COOK ALL WEEK LONG!
THIS TAKE-OUT MENU CAME IN THE MAIL...
...LET'S SEE... WE'LL GET SHRIMP TEMPURA...
YUMMY!
...SOME SUSHI AN' SOME BEEF NEGAMAKI!
SOUNDS GOOD TA ME!
OH YEAH! AN' ONE MORE THING...
...DON'T FERGIT THE GREEN TEA!
HEY EISMAN
12-7

KING VULTAN
RULER OF THE CITY IN THE CLOUDS
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
MY FRIENDS! IT'S BEEN AGES!
I CAN TELL BY THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYE...THE EARTHMAN INTERESTS YOU.
I ADMIRE HIS BRAVERY.
I DOUBT THAT'S ALL YOU ADMIRE, TEESHA.
FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV ARE BROUGHT BEFORE KING VULTAN.
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WINGLESS, THAT DEATHLY PALLOR TO THE SKIN... PATHETIC-LOOKING, REALLY.
HE FACED DEATH WITHOUT SHOWING FEAR...
...I SINCERELY DOUBT YOU'D FARE AS WELL, JOODA.
SUDDENLY...
MY LIEGE, AN ALANIAN TRANSPORT APPROACHES...
...THEY DEMAND YOU HAND OVER THE FUGITIVE, FLASH GORDON!
NEXT! TRAITOR IN OUR MIDST!

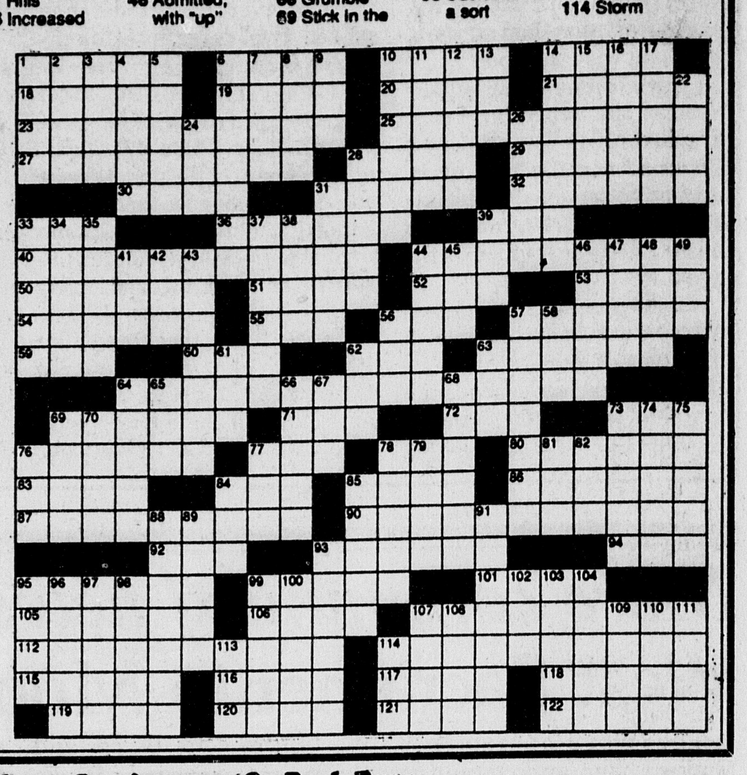
GEORGE by MARK SZORADY

WHO SAID, "RIGHT IS RIGHT EVEN IF NOBODY IS DOING IT."?
FAMOUS QUOTES
UM... SOME CROCK NAMED "LEFTY"?
MARK SZORADY
http://www.reuben.org/georgtoon

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Cobra's kin
6 Monsieur Le Pew
10 Puppeteer Baird
14 Dregs
18 Oklahoma natives
19 Seldom seen
20 NYSE rival
21 Plastic alternative
23 Erle Stanley Gardner sleuth
25 Agatha Christie sleuth
27 Beseeched
28 Good place for a dip?
29 Ms. Sorkin
30 Working hard
31 Hilarious Hardy
32 Exchanged
33 Impresario Hurok
36 Dog star?
39 Corporate VIP
40 Earl Derr Biggers sleuth
44 Rex Stout sleuth
50 Allowance
51 Salad vegetable, informally
52 "Xanadu" rockers
53 Put on
54 Conflict sites
55 "Strangers — Train"
56 Tai — (martial-art)
57 Begin a bonfire
59 Ernst or Headroom
60 Stroke's implement
62 Patriotic org.
63 Temper
64 Herman Cyril McNeile sleuth
69 Maestro Lorin
71 Low digit
72 Coupe group? (initials)
73 Nighties
76 Krebs' colleague
77 Ford model
78 Banned pesticide
80 Word of cheer
83 Ages
84 Center of gravity?
85 Nail a gnat
86 Silverware city
87 Ross Macdonald sleuth
90 Dorothy Sayers sleuth
92 Subordinate Claus?
93 Short jacket
94 Hosp. personnel
95 Vassal's allegiance
99 Peck part
101 Icelandic epic
105 "Vanity Fair" character
106 Textbook heading
107 Fix one's wagon
112 John Dickson Carr sleuth
114 Mickey Spillane sleuth
115 Unyielding
116 Racer Luyendyk
117 "Moon — Miami"
118 Must-haves
119 HS ordeals
120 Eight bits
121 Ms. Myerson
122 Lummoxlike

DOWN
1 Wet blanket
2 "...— o'clock scholar"
3 Cartoonist Walker
4 Legendary Yankee
5 Until now
6 Hot air
7 Vacation sensation
8 Elbow
9 Browning's bedtime?
10 Soft-soap
11 Muscat native
12 Taylor of "Daddy Dearest"
13 Make budget cuts?
14 Ubiquitous songbird
15 Public official Hills
16 Increased
17 Free-for-all
22 Cleave
24 Actress Zetterling
26 San —, Calif.
28 "Crazy" singer
31 1970 World's Fair site
33 "Get outta here!"
34 Butler's belle
35 Paint type
37 Harmony
38 Steer clear of
39 — -Magnon
41 — Tin Tin
42 Mauna —
43 Shoe sections
44 Outmoded jacket
45 Yalie
46 Admitted, with "up"
47 Correggio subject
48 Hairpiece
49 Palindromic preposition
56 Roller-coaster unit
57 Expertise
58 "Newhart" setting
61 Every last bit
62 SHAEF commander
63 Nephrologists' org.
64 Hobby wood
65 "Raid on Entebbe" weapon
66 Frisky fisherman
67 George Burns role
68 Grumble
69 Stick in the mud
70 "There ought to be —!"
73 Periscope part
74 Worn-out
75 Insurrectionist Daniel
76 Hairstyling goop
77 "Gettysburg" role
78 Resided
79 Granola fruit
81 Verse lead-in
82 Dreamer's initials
84 TV term
85 Show off
88 Zones
89 Sweep and scour
91 Rolls
93 Custodian of a sort
95 Witches
96 Excludes
97 Euripidean tragedy
98 On guard
99 Have one's doubts
100 Dark
102 "That felt good!"
103 Thyroid or pituitary
104 Actress Anouk
107 Bank of France?
108 Gets by, with "out"
109 "Right on!"
110 Mack and Kennedy
111 Highland tongue
113 Super, for short
114 Storm



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MagicMaze

— SAW

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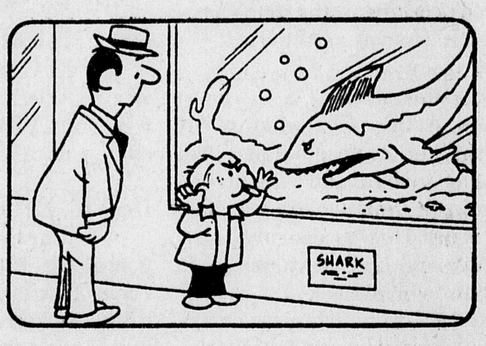
Q O M J H F C A Z C P O H Y W
U R P N L J H F M U S I C A L
D B Z X V T R Q O L B S R T L
M K I H F D B D G A K O O E O
Z Y W V T R Q I N R C O W R R
N L K I H F J D A A A D N F C
C A Z X W V U S G R H Q O N S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Band, Bow, Buzz, Circular, Coping, Crosscut, Crown, Fret, Gang, Hack, Hand, Jig, Musical, Rip, Scroll

Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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By L. Gaines Hankerson

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OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

TO GAIN ATTENTION, THE MALE OF THE SPECIES WILL OFTEN RELY ON A WORD OR PHRASE, WHICH WHEN USED TO EXCESS, ANNOYS AND DISGUSTS...
BOYS...
BOOGER! BOOGER! BOOGER!
HAROLD!
MEN...
BEEMER, BEEMER, BEEMER...
JERK.
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KOPERVAS

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING

HAROLD, WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT ON YOUR FOREHEAD?
9357
I CAN NEVER REMEMBER MY "PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER" WHEN I GO TO THE BANK MACHINE SO I HAD IT TATTOOED UP THERE.
9357
P.I.N. HEAD!!
9357

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Updates and Briefs

Unity Tree in Town

The River City Student Council is sponsoring the first annual unity tree this year. The Unity Tree is to be put up in the library and will display ornaments designed by students to celebrate the holiday spirit. For information contact your Student Council representative.

Student Senate

The Student Senate will meet on Thursday, December 18 in the library. The meeting will be held during fourth period. Please remind your fourth period teacher to send a senator for your class.

Dickens Tea

The English department is once again sponsoring the annual Dickens Tea. This year's event will be held today in the library during both fifth periods and sixth period. Each English teacher was allowed to invite eight students.

Lost and Found

There are a number of items that have been turned into the Lost and Found in the office. Students are advised to check in the office to see if any of these items are theirs. Items will not be kept forever, and may be given to a charity organization if not promptly picked up. Items include keys, glasses, wallets, planners, etc.

New Class Offered

A new Freedom from Smoking class started on December 8 in room 97 during second period. Students are invited to attend the class. The class will rotate between first, second, and third periods. Please see Mr. McPherson or Nancy Horner for more information.

$20,000 Available

Two $20,000 scholarships are offered by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences to high school seniors who intend to major in television, telecommunication, or a related communication field at a four university or college. For more information, write the academy for details at: NATS, 111 West 57th Street, NYC, 10019. The application can be downloaded off the internet at http://www.emmyonlin.org

Signet Scholarship

Five $1,000 scholarships are now available to students in the eleventh or twelfth grades who have read, or will read *The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad. Students must read the book and write an essay on one of the four prompts provided. For more information, please see your English teacher.

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Ordinary People stays on reading list says board

The Board of Education affirmed the decision of the committee appointed to review the novel.

With a 5-0 vote on December 9, the board of education kept *Ordinary People*, by Judith Guest, on the core reading list for the tenth grade. Patrick Campbell, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, introduced the issue, and members of the community commented.

J.C. Myers III, representing the Joy Christian Ministries, and Stanley Butler, a parent, both urged the board to reject the novel and remove it from the core reading list because it promoted, "blasphemy, incontinence, covetousness, sexual harassment, and unnatural affection."

Speaking in favor of the novel were Ed Hocking, a parent of an RC student, and Rishi Sharma, student board member. Both were members of the committee appointed to review the novel. Mr. Hocking urged the board to avoid censorship and allow the book to remain on the reading list. Rishi Sharma, speaking on behalf of students in the district, urged the district to reject the petitions and keep *Ordinary People* in the curriculum.

Dr. Dennis Kelleher, Superintendent, recommended that the book remain on the core reading list for the tenth grade after considering the recommendations of the committee and the complaints of Mr. Myers and Mr. Butler.

Ms. Leventon leaves

By Simone Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

Counselor Dawn Leventon worked her last day at River City on Friday, December 12.

A counselor for eight years at River City, Ms. Leventon is now going to work in the Elk Grove District at Smedberg Middle School and Sheldon High School.

Ms. Leventon has several reasons for leaving. She says, "The commute is shorter and I am ready to move to a new place where I can grow professionally."

Ms. Leventon is greatly admired by her students for her caring and helpful manner. "She was more than a counselor. She was a friend," said Lina Afridi, one of the many students who will miss her.

Ms. Dawn Leventon

A student in her Society of Women Engineers Club, Fatima Razaqpur said "I found my future career on one of the many field trips Ms. Leventon took us on, and will always be thankful to her for her help."

Ms. Leventon said she is very excited about this new job, but also very sad about leaving River City. With all the time she has spent working with the senior class, she said she will miss them the most, but she will be here for graduation in June.

Ms. Leventon recently became engaged to Jim Grovhoug. They are planning a summer wedding.

RC makes first cut

Blue Ribbon School application one of 46 forwarded to U.S. Department of Education for review.

By Rishi Sharma
Editor in Chief

River City High School's Blue Ribbon School application has been selected for review by the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

In the state of California, there were 107 applications filed with the State Department of Education in Sacramento. Of those applications, only 46 were selected to go on, 17 were from middle or junior high schools, and 29 from high schools.

River City will know on January 27 if we made the second round. On that date, the U.S. Department of Education will announce those schools selected for site visits.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program is much like the California Distinguished Schools program, except on a national level. If a committee does end up coming to RC, they will make a recommendation to the Department of Education on whether or not to award us this prestigious honor.

Students and staff preparing for accreditation team visit

By Rishi Sharma
Editor in Chief

What's WASC? For that matter, what are ESLRs? What is FOL?

These are all acronyms associated with the accreditation process RC is going through this year, overseen by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) which visits high schools in California, Hawaii, Guam, and Asia periodically to ensure that schools are teaching effectively.

A committee will be at RC from March 1 to 4. However, their observations are only a small part of the accreditation process. Before the team visits staff, students, and community members spend months assessing our education program, identifying problems, and solutions.

As part of this process, RC must develop Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLRs) to clearly articulate what students who graduate from here will be prepared to do. RC graduates are expected to be effective communicators; problem solvers; critical thinkers; successful, responsible citizens; life-long learners; and technology users. All students and staff members should be familiar with the ESLRs by the time the committee visits.

Please play the ESLRs Word Search on page 3 and win a great prize!

Focus on Learning (FOL) is the name given to the accreditation process which is very important for staff and students at River City. If a school is not accredited, the diploma it awards means nothing. Only one percent of schools don't receive accreditation, so it is very unlikely that RC will not be accredited. The issue becomes how long we will be accredited for.

WASC can accredit a high school for a maximum of six years. Obviously, this is what the administration is aiming for. The accreditation process is very tedious and no one wants to go through this process more often than necessary. Other options are a six year accreditation with a three year revisit from a two-member committee to check on our progress, or three-year, two-years, one-year, or even six-month accreditations.

Let's all hope that we can get six years.

Political science teacher guilty of being Raider of the Month

From Jennifer Redmond and Yulia Suprun
Commissioners of Campus Affairs

Mr. Mesquita is December's Staff of the Month! He has been teaching political science and history at RC for 26 years and he is the mock trial adviser at our school. He graduated from San Francisco State University.

During his spare time, Mr. Mesquita likes to read. His favorite book is *War and Remembrance* by Herman Wouk. He listens to all kinds of music and his favorite movie of all time is *12 Angry Men*, which he shows annually in his political science classes. Fly fishing is also something Mr. Mesquita enjoys.

Mr. Mesquita would like to go to France someday to visit Normandy as well as Italy to eat Italian food (his favorite) and visit relatives in Venice.

Mr. Mesquita would like to say, "I really enjoy working with the students and teachers at River City. I feel lucky to be here every day where everyone gets along so well. I really appreciate the honor of being Staff of the Month."

25 students meet with mentors

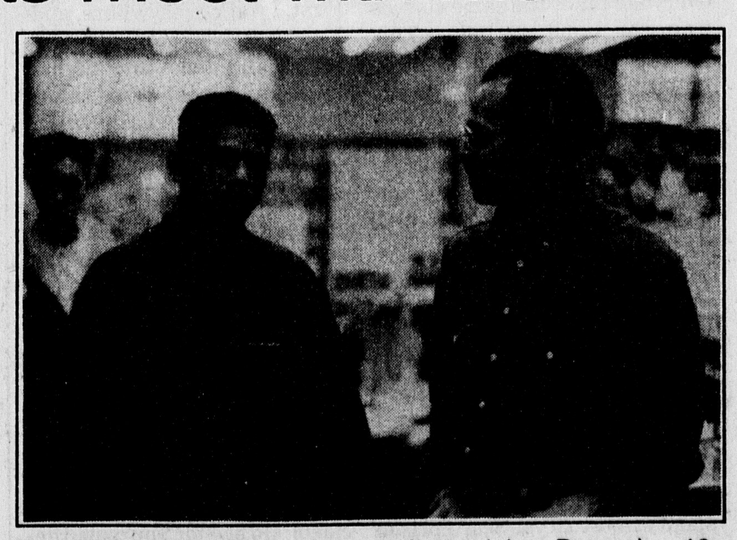
By Simone Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

25 juniors met with their mentors who came from all over the Sacramento area in a day of appreciation. Tech Prep held it's Mentor Social on December 10 in the River City media center to allow mentors and their mentees to get together and plan future activities.

The mentor program, directed by Mr. Pina, allows students in the Tech Prep Academy to work with employees of local businesses dealing with technology and engineering. This gives students a better idea of careers out in the community around them.

Jim Schoning, one of the mentors from the Air Resources Board, commented, "It's very rewarding to be able to work with such a good group of kids."

His mentee Sanith Sisavath says he has really enjoyed the hands-on job site trips where he rode in an electric car and attended official board meetings.



Prak Pich meets with a mentor at the social on December 10.

The success of this program has now been recognized throughout the state. Four proud juniors, Ravinesh Kumar, Clifford King, Hannah Ochoa, and Nai Saejao, will be attending a statewide demonstration to talk about the program in front of a live panel.

Also in the works is a mentors vs. mentees co-ed basketball game, a luncheon at the Pheasant Club, and the Sacramento Regional Job Shadow Event, which will be held February 2.

Quadri-lingual student wins

From Jennifer Redmond and Yulia Suprun
Commissioners of Campus Affairs

December's Raider of the Month is Sharlene Jagur. She is graduating in 1999. In her spare time she listens to music, dances, or goes to parties.

Sharlene's favorite subject is physiology because she wants to be a doctor in the future. Her plans are to go to UC Davis and be a pediatrician.

She loves pizza. Her favorite movie is *Seven*. She likes to listen to KSFM 102.5.

Sharlene is very involved. She is a member of the golf team, Key Club, Renaissance, and CSF. Finally, Sharlene can speak four languages: English, Spanish, Hindi, and Punjabi. She would like to say, "Wuz up" to all her homies.

Happy Holidays!!!

The Review hopes you and your family have a fun and entertaining holiday season!

Don't forget, school starts again on January 5!

Have fun and stay out of trouble!

Andres Martinez December Raider

From Jennifer Redmond and Yulia Suprun
Commissioners of Campus Affairs

The Raider of the Month for December is Andres Martinez, a freshman here at River City. After high school, he plans to go to Sacramento City College.

During his spare time, he plays video games. He likes math and science because he is good at it. He also loves pizza. Andres' favorite movie is *The Rock*. He likes to listen to alternative music. His favorite book is *The Watchers*.

Perspectives

—Letters to the Review—

Band Budget

As I was reading our last issue of ***The Review***, I read something that alarmed me. A coach had overspent on his budget by almost $2,000. I didn't care about this until I realized the whole music department received less than $2,000 this year.

I started thinking and this is what went through my mind: Way back during the 1400's, a little thing called the Renaissance started. It was known for many things, including the impact of music on the public. Most peasants could play an instrument and every town had their own band. This strong musical influence continued through every period of time, and, like most things that encourage good values, stopped when it came to our generation.

We have lost our morals. It shows. When our Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Madrigals have to give up all but a single performance because we don't have enough money to go to the competitions and parades we would like to go to, and we have to beg for money from the community and school board.

I believe music and art are fundamentals when it comes to values. I remember my grandmother used to always say, "How can you listen to that junk?" What am I supposed to say? "It's not my fault society has lost touch with music?"

"It's not my fault West Sacramento is arguing over millions of dollars for crappy pieces of land while the River City's jazz band can't afford to pay for a school bus to Reno without using half the music department's money?"

Many things have been prioritized over music in schools. The sports department gets a lot of money, and sports aren't even classes. All these computers we purchased, and the music department doesn't even have one.

Where is all this lottery money we were supposed to be receiving? I know of only twice we've received this money.

I urge citizens and students living in this community to speak up and let the school board and your state government know that you want morals and values reintroduced to this community.

Funding music programs is a good way to do this. I also want to let everyone know we have received new marching uniforms, but we rarely use them because we simply do not have the proper funding and funding from our school and school board to put them to use.

Jacob Carriker
Senior

Commentary:

Clean the quad

By Marie Vasi
Staff Writer

You're walking in the middle of the quad to your fifth period class when you hear a loud squish. You glance down and notice you've just stepped into the remainder of someone else's lunch. You try to play it off by wiping your foot on the grass, and you can't help but notice the garbage strewn across the campus. "How gross!" you think. You aren't the only one who shares this opinion. Vice Principal Ken Whittemore deems the campus "filthy."

"It is a lack of self-discipline and pride in the school. There are more than enough garbage cans around the quad. It is because of laziness that the school is so dirty after lunch," he said.

Mr. Whittemore uses music during lunch on Fridays as an incentive to clean up the campus, but lately it doesn't seem to have had much effect. More than one person has inquired why there isn't music on Friday-- now you know why. No one wants to spend their time in a dirty environment. It only takes one person to keep the campus clean -- you. Make sure you do your part.

Students still ignorant of RC's ESLRs

By Simone Sumeshwar
Staff Writer

At the last Student Senate meeting, Mr. Mesquita brought to our attention a very important subject: ESLRs. Most likely you do not know what these letters stand for. Most students didn't in an interesting video Mr. Mesquita put together. It was amusing to listen to what students thought they meant.

Guesses included "rules to live by" and "why we should go to school." Finally Jennifer Obara saved the day. Not only did she know what the ESLRs stood for, she even knew two of them. Why are these letters so important? Well, the ESLRs, otherwise known as Essential School-Wide Learning Results, are used to "encourage academic growth" and to ensure that students "may succeed to their highest potential."

So why is it that more than half the students interviewed on that video do not know what it means? After all, there is a River City Mission statement poster is in every classroom which includes the ESLRs. With all the controversy going on about this, maybe it should be made mandatory to learn them. Mr. Hanagan, the accounting teacher, has had his students label the ESLRs on their tests and will continue having them do this until they learn it. I think this a good way of teaching them. I think more people will learn them this way.

And what if they don't? I remember an assembly we had a while ago; "Trust" was the title, I believe. Students missed one period to watch this presentation. Today we really don't care if students remember anything from the assembly. Would it not seem more practical to have an assembly on a more directly school-related subject? Maybe the next assembly will include something more "effective" and will teach students what the RC Mission Statement really means.

The Review welcomes your opinions!!!

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Health food not all that bad

By Lynne Laughlin
Staff Writer

Who ever got the idea that the main diet of high school students is junk food? I am now directing your attention to the cupcakes, pizza, donuts, candy bars, knacks, french fries, chips, ice cream bars, sodas, and brownies that are sold at the River City snack bar. These foods are terrible for a person's body, especially a young person.

I do realize there is salad sold in the cafeteria, but it is mainly head lettuce that comes with a packet of greasy dressing. There used to be hard pretzels, but those were gone within two months of school.

Most people have to admit that sugar isn't the best source of energy for the body and the mind. Carbohydrates are a good and healthy energy source. They are found in bread and grains. Proteins, which are found in foods such as beans, tofu, dairy products, and meat, are another good source.

People do cringe at the thought of tofu, but they just don't know what it is or how it tastes. Tofu has the appearance and consistency of hard-boiled egg whites and absorbs any flavor it comes in contact with. It can be cut up and put into salads, soups, or even rice.

In order to create room for these items, the school could use the salad bar in the cafeteria, or even turn the food cart into one. After all, it does sell the same foods as the snack bar.

Bagels could also be included because they can be used with any kind of food. A bagel can be topped off with cream cheese, herb spread, fruit, made into a sandwich, or you can even create your own combination.

There's just one more issue I must address and that is the new soda machines. Why do they all cost $1 and why do they all sell twenty ounces-bottles of soda? That's just more sugar and more students who will be denied a restroom pass.

The irony of this issue is that many of our parents try to stress healthy eating and deny us excessive sugar, but we end up getting it anyway at, of all places, school. As Mom says, "You are what you eat." That should mean "healthy."

Commentary:

Creativity abounds in boys' hair styles

Boy hair has imagination. Boy hair has spunk.

By Kendra Drischler
Staff Writer

Current female hairstyles are pathetic compared to the variety of the last three decades. Most girls have sedate, smooth, perhaps mildly highlighted styles. For true daring, excitement, and verve, we must turn to Boy Hair.

Although most boys choose not to exercise the long hair option our parents' generation fought for, they find plenty to do with their typical 1-6 inches. Some go very short, others long, some two lengths, shaved on the bottom and combed back on top.

Holding this hair takes gel. Lots of it. Boys have a definite monopoly on styling aids. This could be a result of a need for hair security. It takes a surer hand and experience with light gel to pull off longer hair.

Bleaching is popular this year. Not since the punk revival of the early nineties have we had this much dying going on. Upper halves, streaks, highlights- the blonde-in-black or black-on-blonde is this season's most prominent development.

Boy Hair has imagination. Boy Hair has spunk. Come on girls! Show me what you can do! It's ABC! Easy as 123! Simple as do-re-mi! Come on, let's do our hair!

Rishi's Rhetoric

Why does the education system exist? Why are there school boards, administrators, teachers, and classified employees? For one simple but profound reason: they all exist for students. The millions of dollars that the school district recieves are for students. Thus, when spending this money, members of the board of education and the community should consider the students.

In the past few weeks an issue that might cost the district considerable money has developed. On November 12, the Washington Unified School District Board of Trustees voted 3 - 1 to appoint Juan Barcenas to fill the seat vacated by outgoing board member Nancy Candee-Thompson. This decision has caused some outrage in the community. On Friday, December 12, a petition was presented to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools, overturning the appointment of Mr. Barcenas and calling for a special election to fill the vacant seat.

Some say that an election is the most democratic way to go. In a democracy, this type of choice should belong to the people. I am not one to disagree with this very populist view. However, in this case there is a catch. The price tag for this new election is $25,000.

I do not wish to get involved in any of the very hot political aspects of this debate, but I do want to ensure that the students of the Washington Unified School District are not adversely affected by a decision to spend $25,000. By the time a candidate is elected, he or she will have less than a year to serve. Furthermore, one vote on the school board would probably not make a large impact on board policies or actions during the next year.

Let's spend the money where it is more needed. Perhaps the money can be used to help pay for a new teacher to reduce large class sizes at River City.

The money could be used to supplement budgets which have been reduced in past years like that of the RC drama and music departments.

The money could be used to replace old and obsolete materials. $25,000 would surely be enough money to upgrade computer labs and improve internet connections across the school district.

The money could be used to expand the foreign language program to include more than two languages.

The money could be used to bring the internet to the journalism computers, providing a phone line in the journalism room, or sending students to journalism conferences.

There are certainly better ways to spend the $25,000 than on this election. If people still don't think there are better things to spend $25,000 on, come talk to me in the non-air-conditioned, badly heated classrooms of River City.

Rishi Sharma
Editor in Chief

The Return of Jessica's Braindrips

Editor's Note: Jessica Honsinger served as Senior Editor of **The Review** *last year. She is currently a freshman at the University of Oregon in Eugene.*

It's scary. I actually miss RC. No, don't call the little men who bring the padded huggy jacket, I'm not cracked (well, any more than before.) I'm just *so* glad to be home for Winter Break!!! Don't get me wrong, I'm really having fun at college, even with all those pesky classes. There's just something about being home that is so *nice*.

College is certainly an experience, though. Actually, it's a lot of experiences. From watching friends get very drunk at parties to two-hour writing classes, it's been packed with all sorts of new and interesting stuff. Well, the drunk friends part isn't really new.

Seriously. College is very different from high school. I found out that there really is a point to AP classes. If you score high enough on the AP tests, certain classes are waived. Thanks to AP English, I don't have to take the freshman writing classes!

Classes in general are strange. They aren't "cookie-cutter" like they are in high school, where everyone takes the same classes from the same teachers. This past term, I took Philosophy, Creative Writing, Astronomy, Springboard Diving, and Asian-American Film and Literature. And if you think classes here are big, think about this. My Philosophy class had 300+ people in it. Of course, most of them were asleep at any given time, but it was still huge!

One of the most interesting experiences I've had in college so far was due to my Asian-American Film and Literature class. I had the chance to attend a lecture by, and later meet, Harry Wu, a Chinese dissident who spent almost 20 years in a prison camp. In his lecture he discussed Chinese communist politics, the mistreatment and abuse of Chinese political prisoners, and the fight against Chinese prison camps.

Now on to a lighter note, literally. The rumor is that you gain 15 pounds in your first semester at college. I've lost weight! This is due to two things. First, I walk everywhere, and I mean everywhere. Including up and down four flights of stairs at least three times every day. (I really wish they'd put an elevator in my dorm.) The other reason is due to the fact that dorm food makes RC's cafeteria food look good. I've been living on rice and tea, and little more, for the past three months.

Of course, I have learned a lot. I know all about Jupiter, thanks to Astronomy. Also in Astronomy, I learned that Rishi is an alien. (But we already knew that.) It gives proof on Astronomy class web page! Go see for yourself, the address is http://zebu.uoregon.edu/~js/ast121/space_alien.html

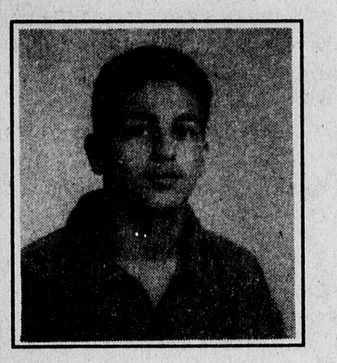
So, I'm leaving again. I miss working on the paper. It gave me something to do while I was putting off homework. Just ask Mrs. Larson.

Features

Question in the Quad

"Tis the season to be jolly" goes that famous old carol. However, not all holiday gifts make us jolly. The people below know this first hand. To get a feel for the type of gifts people get, ***The Review*** asked, **"What is the weirdest gift you have ever gotten?"**

Compiled by Marsha Russo and Jawid Dastagirzada



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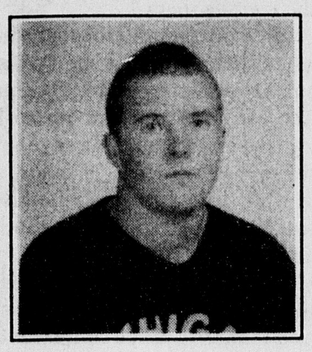

"A five-legged dog named Cinco."

Dustin Shaw

ESLR Word Search

1.) Mark the words listed below in the wordsearch. Then, write them on a separate piece of paper in the order they appear on the blue-and-gold poster in every classroom.
2.) Turn in the paper, with completed puzzle attached, to ***The Review*** box in the library by the end of the day Thursday. Be sure to include your name and class.

Every correct entry will be entered in a prize drawing for gift certificates at Taco Bell worth big bucks.

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Citizen	Learning	Self-directed
Communicator	Life-long	Solver
Critical	Problem	Successful
Effective	Responsible	Technology
Essential	Results	Thinker
Learner	School-Wide	User

Lilly Merva faces challenge of living in a new nation

By Marsha Russo
Staff Writer

One doesn't need to travel to far away places to experience the cultures of the world if you go to River City. Lilly Merva is very willing to tell people about Ukraine. Lilly and her family moved here from Ukraine when she was only ten years old. Ukraine is a former Russian province with a population of about 52 million people. Moving from Ukraine to the U.S. was "very exciting, even though I was nervous," said Lilly.

She went through school up to fourth grade in Ukraine, but she was placed in fifth grade in the U.S. She said "The education there (Ukraine) was at a higher level, so the math was easy. The only hard thing was the language." By sixth grade, she had learned to speak fluent English, though.

"The people are much more cheerful here," says Lilly. In Ukraine, people do not smile at each other, or say "hi," she explained. Growing up, she lived in a nice area of Ukraine, and always considered herself lucky. When she went back to visit in February, she was surpised to see "how small and trashy the buildings were."

Lilly still has family in Ukraine, and enjoys visiting, but she would rather live in the U.S., given the choice. After graduating from River City, Lilly plans to become a doctor, studying at University of the Pacific.

Scream 2 killer flick

By Angela Kasting
Staff Writer

Okay, raise your hand if you saw *Scream*. I bet almost everyone has. *Scream* is the best satire on horror flicks ever.

Scream 2 opened Friday, December 12. I must say Wes Craven gets an A+ for sequel satire. Neve Campbell returns with a few *Scream* cast members, the ones that made it out alive anyway.

Just when Sidney Prescott thought the masked killer was out of her life for good, Gail Weathers writes *The Woodsburo Murders*. Her book is then made into *Stab*. *Stab* is the horror flick to end all (except *Scream*) because it is the true story of the serial killers that stalked Woodsburo. Just like Sidney foresaw, Tori Spelling played her in *Stab*. Keep your eyes open for the girl who plays Drew Barrymore's character. Can we say Rollergirl?!?

In the tradition of sequels, *Scream 2* had a bogus ending. It was way lame. I came out laughing when I was supposed to be scared. However, if you see *Scream 2* at the matinee price, it's worth seeing.

Kwanzaa celebrates the past, present, and future

By Veronica Alarcon
Staff Writer

What do you know about Kwanzaa? Kwanzaa is the African-American spiritual holiday developed to help black Americans maintain a history and a sense of direction.

Kwanzaa was first celebrated on December 26, 1966 when Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga had a vision for African Americas centered around seven principles (Nguzo Saba), which are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, purpose, creativity, and faith.

The Kwanzaa holiday begins December 24 and ends December 31.

Each family places a straw mat on the floor, and seven candles and seven symbols which stand for the Kwanzaa principles are placed upon it. A candle is lit each day and a special prayer is said.

Gifts are given which stand for the fruits of the labor of the parents, and the rewards of the seeds sown by the children.

A feast called Karamu is held on the night of December 31, and includes food, music, dancing, conversation, laughter and ceremony. The feast symbolizes the high festive celebration that brings the community together to exchange and to give thanks to Creator for their accomplishments during the year.

It seems that even African-Americans at River City really know don't much about the celebration Kwanzaa.

"I really don't know much about Kwanzaa...but when I find out more about it I'll get back to you!" junior Danielle Meaux said.

R.C. librarian Mrs. Williams said, "Unfortunately I don't know enough information on the holiday. Not that I'm not interested in it, but I haven't found the time to really look into the holiday. My daughter has minored in African-American studies and knows more about Kwanzaa than I would."

Kwanzaa is a brilliant celebration that claims no ties with any religion and that all Americans can enjoy.

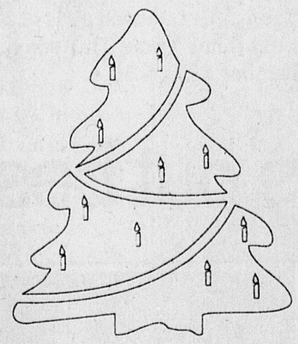
It is important to relate to the past in order to understand the present and deal with the future. Happy Kwanzaa! Kwanzaa Yenu Iwe Na Heri!

Is the meaning of Christmas found in the mall?

By Angela Kasting
Staff Writer

What do you want for Christmas this year? Money? Clothes? Why are you celebrating Christmas? Jesus's birthday? America has gotten to be so materialistic; the day after Thanksgiving we all head out to the malls to buy gifts for family and friends. Why? What about your Christmas tree? It is beautifully decorated and becomes a safe haven for your wrapped gifts until December 25th. Your family will all sit down together for a large feast. Lucky you. But why?

Okay, Christians believe that 1,997 years ago, Mary and Joseph traveled to the city of David to give birth to a son. The hotels were all full, so the couple had to give birth to their son in a



manger. Animals looked on as Jesus was born. The brightest star in the sky guided the three wise men to pay homage and bring gifts to the young king. The baby boy was sent from God, to grow in Mary's womb, to grow up teaching the word of God, and to ultimately die for the sins of all mankind.

Now, 1,997 years later, we all crowd the malls for a reason that most people seem to have forgotten. This year, take a closer look. Enjoy the company of your family, cherish your friends, give love to all, and bury the hate. Send Christmas cards to loved ones.

Christmas is a holiday we can all celebrate, but remember that there are many people who truly believe Jesus is the reason for the season.

Muslims engage in holy fasting

By Gulshan Yusufzai
Staff Writer

How does fasting from dawn to sunset daily for a whole month sound? Well, this is what every Muslim will be doing starting December 30th. This special event is called Ramadan.

Muslims believe that during the ninth month of the Muslim calender, the month of Ramadan, the Holy Quran was sent down from heaven. The receiving of the Holy Quran is to Muslims what the receiving of the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai was to the Jews and Christians.

Fasting is obligatory for all the Muslims over the age of puberty with exceptions for health reasons. This teaches self-control and helps to overcome feelings of greed, selfishness and laziness.

This Islamic fast requires abstinence from all food, drink, tobacco, marital relations, lying and fighting. No eating or drinking is allowed from sunup to sunset.

When the sun sets eating is allowed, and one can also eat around 3 a.m. before the sun is up again for the following day.

Don't mind some cranky students in this school during January.

All people who don't need to fast, don't mind some cranky students in this school during January.

Personally, while fasting is not easy for me, there is no way I would even think of not doing it or breaking it. Due to the fact that Ramadan is taking place during the most trying time of the school year, it is definitely hard to keep on top of all the work and not fall asleep during classes. However, the spiritual benefits and feelings of nearness to God far surpass the feeling of exhaustion.

This is the only time during the year when I am constantly reminded of being a Muslim and what my devotion to God is.

After the month of Ramadan is over, there is a celebration called Eid, an event to celebrate the completion of yet another month of fasting. Families and friends visit each other and are treated with sweets.

The young kids are given money by each adult visitor. Eid lasts three days, during which everyone is to wear a new outfit if they can afford it.

Jews prepare for Chanukah

By JoAnna Kaminski
Staff Writer

Toward the end of December, there is an eight-day holiday which is celebrated by the Jewish people in remembrance of a miracle that took place in Palestine over 2,100 years ago. This year it begins December 23, at sunset.

Chanukah is a time when Jewish people remember the story of Judah Maccabee who won back the Holy Temple in Jerusalem from the Syrian King over two thousand years ago. The Israelites, the early Jewish people, were involved in a terrible battle against the Syrian King Antiochus. The king wanted them to give up their religion so he ordered his army to conquer the Holy Temple and leave it in ruins. But, a man named Judah Maccabee refused to give up the fight. Maccabee and his small army were able to beat the king.

The first thing the Israelites did after their battle was reclaim their holy temple and repair the damage. When they were finished they found that they had only enough oil to keep the lamps burning for one day. Yet, eight days passed and the lamps never lost their light or oil. It was believed to be a miracle from God to bless the Israelites after their victory over the Syrians.

Chanukah is a time when Jewish people remember the story of Judah Maccabee who won back the Holy Temple in Jerusalem from the Syrian King over two thousand years ago.

The lamps are supported by a menorah, a frame similar to a candelabrum. The menorah held seven lamps (one for each day of the week) but the design changed to carry nine symbolic candles, one for each of the eight days the light continued to burn and the ninth, symbolic of the oil used to light them.

Every year since, Jewish people have gathered in their homes to light the Chanukah lamp. Among them is Mr. Engoron, an English and drama teacher here at River City. Mr. Engoron celebrates Chanukah by lighting a candle on the menorah on each of the eight days. He said Chanukah is celebrated by eating traditional foods and exchanging gifts. And the children are given small square spinning tops which have on their sides the Hebrew letters NGHS. These letters stand for the words: "Nes Godol Hoyoh Shom." (A great miracle happened there.)

Happy Chanukah, December 23-31.

Sports and Activities

Mr. Hall recovering from wrestling injury

By Marie Vasi
Staff Writer

Wrestling season is in full swing, and it's not only RC's opponents who are feeling the effects of it. Our own teachers and administrator, Mr. Hall and Mr. Whittemore, occasionally stop by the wrestling practices to help out.

While wrestling with senior Jose Peralta, Mr. Hall was attempting a simple, well-known move called a "suck back move." That was when he heard a "popping sound" and was overcome by an immense pain. He has been very limited in movement because of his pulled muscle, and a large bruise can be seen on his right biceps, where the pectoral muscle connects to the arm.

Mr. Hall iced it immediately and is on the road to recovery. He hopes to resume his practice with the wrestling team after he fully recovers, and said, "After getting this injury, I can see why Mr. Rodriguez stays away from the weight room."

Mr. Whittemore stops by also, when he has the chance, to help out our wresting team. But, unlike Mr. Hall, he has yet to be injured on the mat. He says that the wrestling team is made up of well-skilled people who have excellent coaching, and should go far in their season.

The River City wrestling team has a long season ahead of them, and is sure to make some waves. Be sure to support them at their home matches.

Boys' varsity b-ball 2-5

By Danielle Meaux
Sports Writer

So far this season the Varsity men's basketball team has struggled to a 2-5 start but bounced back with a 73-61 win over Argonaut, in which Victor Valdivia scored 34 points.

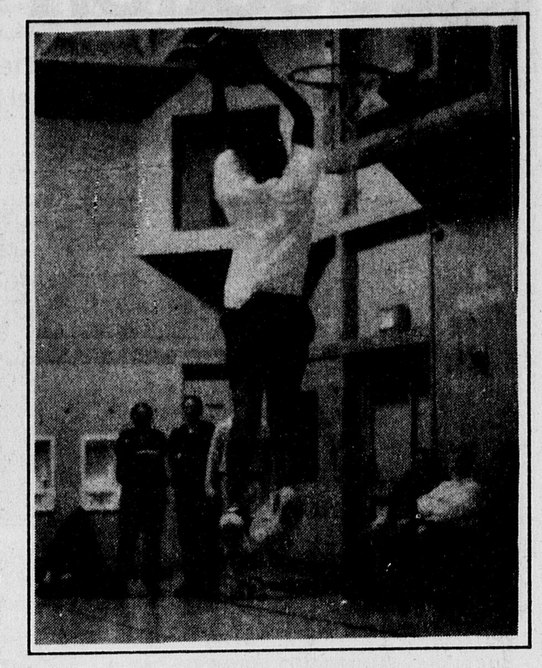
Coach West commmented that the team is making mistakes because of inexperience, and many of the players are new to varsity.

"There is not a lot of emphasis on individual players this year, so we can focus more as a team," said Coach West. "We give up to many points on the defending end and our rebounding needs to improve."

Although this group of inexperienced but talented men are struggling now, they're planning to spring back and take control on the court. "Having tough pre-league games this year is an advantage, for it will help them later in the season," Coach West said

The team consists of seniors Chris Hasegawa, Clancey Dollard, James Johnson, Ric Paneda, Dave Godwin, Alejandro Reyes, and Gary Herren, and juniors Radaii Mashriqi, Ramphanh Keomek, Andrey Zolnikov, Victor Valdivia, Matt Sidhu, Malcom Floyd, and Alfredo Rodriguez.

Their next home game is January 6 against Capital Christian.



Varsity player Malcolm Floyd, a junior, displays his stellar dunking skills at the Winter Sports Rally last Friday.

Jayvee boys up and running

By Joe Dastagirzada
Staff Writer

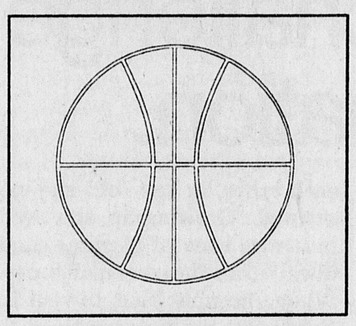
This year's jv boys basketball team has started the season with an overall record of 3-4 under Coach Jamie King.

The jv boys have beaten Highland 75-64, Christian Brothers 56-36 and Argonaut 64-60. And they've lost to Folsom 60-47, Grant 58-49, Amador 55-22 and Argonaut 83-51.

This year's jv players are #10 Brooks Marino, #11 Vienthong Amphonephong, #12 Akmal Niazi, #13 Matin Gardizi, #14 Andrew Hoekstra, #15 James Horner, #20 Huy Thong, #21 Zafar Niazi, #22 Ramon Avina, #23 Javes Figueroa, #24 Eric King, #25 Aminulah Mashriqi, #30 David Saldana, #31 Casey Insixiengmay, and #32 Malfred Shaw.

Key players are Zafar Niazi, averaging 14.5 points a game, Andrew Hoekstra, averaging 6 rebounds a game and Javes Figueroa, averaging 4.5 assists a game.

Asked what he thinks of this years team, Coach King replied, "Three students who were very good couldn't play because of their grades, but the kids that are now playing have played great, and I'm very proud of them."



Singh and Vasi lead varsity team

By Joe Dastagirzada
Sports Writer

The girls' varsity basketball team has started the season with a record of 1-5 with Coach Brite.

The varsity girls lost to Galt 87-20, Rio Linda 45-40, Argonaut 48-41, and Sacramento Waldorf 57-31. In the Sacramento Waldorf Tournament they lost to Tioga 57-39, Sacramento High 68-41, and beat Delta 59-55.

The key players of this year's team are junior Danielle Meaux who is averaging 21 points per game, senior and co-captain Marie Vasi, who has a tough defense and is a great rebounder, and Sabrina Singh, the other captain, who is a point guard with a great drive to the basket.

Asked what she thinks of this years team, Coach Brite replied, "I have a very young team and we are working hard on becoming a good defensive team." She believes that by the time the season starts the players will come together as a team.

"We have 10 players, each one has their own role. We need 10 players to play intense and work together to win," Coach Brite added.

Girls' jv basketball third in tournament

By Danielle Meaux
Sports Writer

Basketball season is in full swing this year, with the jv girls' basketball team having already won two games and taken third in the Sacramento Waldorf Tournament. The jv girls' started this tournament with a 41-40 win in overtime over Encina. Lisa Fallon made the winning shot with 18 seconds left on the clock.

Despite losing the second game to Sacramento Waldorf, thay still had the confidence to come back and beat Sacramento High School 42-18 to place third in the tournament.

"Although this team is lacking in experience they have a lot of potential and are the youngest team I ever coached, considering that they're all freshmen," said jv coach Cathy Costanza. This group of freshman girls is an asset to River City's women's basketball.

Come out and support these young but talented girls at their next home game Thursday, December 18 at 5:30.

Experience needed

By Josh Branham
Sports Writer

Freshman boys' basketball has started off slow with an 0-3 record.

With a loss to Folsom 69-27 to begin the season and then a 59-27 loss to Christian Brothers, the freshmen stepped up their level of play in their triple overtime loss to Argonaut 66-65.

Ron Mumui is leading the team in scoring, averaging 11 points per game. Roy Butz is leading the team in rebounding this season. With Cliff Hughes starting at center, Shams Maazoudin at point guard, and Yasser Salman at shooting guard, the team is looking for improvement.

Coach Dave Brooks commented, "We're very inexperienced, but we've made great improvement since early November. We're 0-3 but we've yet to have a game where everyone has suited up to play due to vacations, illnesses, and new players joining the team late. My goal is to gain experience in December and have a winning record in the Golden Empire League. If we work hard we will (have a winning record)."

Good luck to the freshman team. Hopefully, their season will be a winning one.

MEChA having a ball

By Jennifer Bettencourt
Staff Writer

MEChA is back for a second year. So far MEChA has had a cookie sale that raised over $2,000, gone to regional meetings to stay in contact with college MEChA teams, and elected officers.

Co-chairs are Teresa Valdivia and Gary Harren, Representative is Angel Preciado, Publicity Officer is Nathan Pina, Treasurer is Maria Martinez, Public Relations Officer is Bernice Gamino, Secretary is Maria Pulido, Cultural Officer is Nicole Diaz, Political Officers is Patti Magallanes, and the advisers are Mr. Allen, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. McPherson.

MEChA gives students a chance to learn about Chicano studies. Teresa Valdivia says she is in MEChA "to show that the Chicano race is not stupid and has a place in America, to reach out to other students and encourage them to do well in school."

Another member, Gabby Salas, says she is in MEChA because she feels "it is the only place I can be heard--also to be educated more on not only my race, but others as well."

MEChA is not only for Hispanics. It is for any sex, color and ethnicity. Everyone is encouraged to join this club that emphasizes achievement and educational opportunity.

MEChA plans to hold a ball later in the year. There will also be an awards ceremony and scholarships for seniors will be awarded.

Rally brings out best in fashion

By Angela Kasting
Staff Writer

Man, I hope you were all in the River City gym on Friday. Dude, the rally kicked butt. It all began with some great tunes from our own band. You can beyond tell that they've been practicing. This rally had it all: games, team spirit, school spirit and, yes, even basketball. Classes piled high into the bleachers to view the fashion show put on by the junior class as a guideline for the Winter Ball. We watched our classmates dress up in underwear, shorts, shirts, and jackets in a hilarious competition that was won by the seniors. Then, we had a three point shoot out which was taken over by the freshmen. The freshmen also beat the teachers.

Our very own Lady Raiders displayed their talent in what began as a cheerleader style halftime show, so to speak. The true cheerleaders performed a combination of talented dance moves and lifts. Some varsity boys had a dunk contest and Victor Valdivia swept the competition with his high flying slams.

The cheerleaders and some unnamed senior guys performed the countdown cheer and the winners were announced: juniors--fourth, sophomores--third, freshmen--second, and of course... the seniors were number one!

Seniors Teresa Valdivia and Angel Preciado, in the Winter Sports Rally held on Friday, December 12, model what not to wear at the Winter Ball.

Three seniors go to show on fashion

By Michele Woods
Staff Writer

Simone Sumeshwar, Lina Afridi, and Gulshan Yusufzai went to a fashion show in San Francisco last month. Mrs. Shroeder, River City's Future Home Makers of America advisor, took the three seniors to view the fall preview of student work from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

Simone said, "It was the most interesting and brightest thing I've ever seen," and the others agreed.

Designs were not yet copyrighted or labeled so they were not allowed to take pictures or videotape, but they did mention some details on future designs. "Plastic and spiky heels," said Simone, who also mentioned that the colors were mostly in blue, yellow, and red. The fashion show also included a slide show recruiting future students, and speeches by designers.

Students interested in working with fashion design or merchandising should contact FIDM for more information.

Kendra's Kommentary:

70's writer was original

By Kendra Drischler
Staff Writer

In the late '60s and '70s, a new generation of journalists and critics emerged in the United States and Britain. They wrote in a less formal, ideally more honest way about what they felt was important, particularly to people their age. Many music writers were particularly original. Rock-and-roll-centered magazines like *Rolling Stone* and *Creem* became popular.

One of the best rock critics published in these magazines was Lester Bangs. From 1969 to 1982, when he died at 33, Bangs was a tremendously influential music writer. In essays like "Of Pop and Pies and Fun" and "How to be a ROCK CRITIC," he analyzed the entire process of experiencing music, skewing or glorifying himself along with the artists he reviewed. Beyond the bravado, he had a genuine gift for expressing how powerfully this music affected him.

If rock and roll or the musical climate of the sixties and seventies interest you, try out the best Lester Bangs web site: http://www2.shore.net.~stooge/bangs/html. It has reprints of 22 articles of varying lengths and a link to a bio on another worthy site, The Death of Rock and Roll. Be warned: there is some obscenity.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Good things about town

Thanks to a few volunteers among many:

Monday, members of the West Sacramento Volunteers In Policing (V.I.P.'s) wrapped presents for needy families in the area as part of their new annual tradition. (It has to be a new tradition; they are not an old group.)

The V.I.P.'s already donate their time to ease the workload of the police department's staff and free them to spend more time on crucial duties. It's great to see them -- and so many other West Sacramentans -- giving of themselves in other ways during the holiday season.

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Good job, city of West Sacramento, for its pre-flood season information packet and for the refrigerator magnets containing emergency information now being distributed to residents.

The magnets were suggested last year as a way of preventing the kind of crisis-time communication gap experienced last year between the city and its inhabitants, and they are ready and available before this year's flood season begins in earnest.

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Thanks also to the fire department members who provided Santa Claus again to the community.

There have been some "negative incidents" in the past, including theft and rock-throwing, but evidently it keeps more than that to keep Santa away from West Sacramento's kids.

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Guest Commentary:

Why 'Ordinary People' should be removed

Resident Stanley Butler made the following comments to the Washingon Unified School District board of trustees last week, before the board voted to keep the novel "Ordinary People" by Judith Guest on the local high school curriculum.

By Stanley Butler

I have come to protest the use of the book, "Ordinary People" in our public schools. This book contains profane and vulgar language that should not be permitted in our school classrooms.

I have been told by students that this book is also read aloud in class, and the students are told that they should read the profanities in a "mature" manner. What nonsense...most people realize that this type of language is an indication of immaturity.

On November 13, 1997 my request to have this book removed was denied by a committee headed by Patrick Campbell. In a letter to Dr. Kelleher dated November 20, the reasons for keeping the book were reported as being...

1. The book is on the State Dept. of Education's reading list.

2. This book is part of a tenth grade theme to teach students about themselves and how they fit into society.

3. Students are offered a remedy if they don't wish to read a book which contains objectionable material.

These reasons only bring more questions as to the logic and reasoning to bring this type of material before our students in the first place.

This book may be on the State list, but why have our educators decided the only way to reach our youth is to use "literature" that contains language and sexual references that decent, respectful, thoughtful people do not use in public?

If this board, or any educator in this school system thinks the only way to teach and reach our children is by the use of four letter words it is a direct insult to our children and their parents.

When our system chooses to use material that portrays teenage girls as merely sex objects, and refers to masturbation as therapeutic, the roots of this problem are deep and serious indeed.

Reason number two says the book is part of a theme to teach children about themselves and how they fit into society.

This is a good idea, but, must we use profanity and vulgar terms to do so? What part of society does this indicate they fit into? How does this help our teens? By embarrassing some who are too timid to protest the material and applying peer pressure to others that do protest?

Or are our teachers and administrators totally without other resources or ideas. What a shame! I am sure there is a better way.

3...Students are offered a "remedy".....why?

The simple fact that a remedy is in place and alternate material is offered tells any thinking person this book is a problem in some way. Why would we need a remedy if there were no problem in the first place? After all is a remedy not something which corrects a fault? That is what the dictionary says. Why then are we using faulty materials?

It would seem that anything goes as long as it is "literature."

Many authors over the centuries have found themselves capable of expressing themselves without the use of vulgarity and terms that people might object to.

Many tough subjects have been covered without the need to use coarse words.

Why is it our schools can't do the same? Do they choose to use this book just because they can? Could there be some other reason?

Are parents aware of this? I don't think so. My eldest son read this same book. I recognized the cover when my youngest brought it home from class. I was not aware until later of its content.

Our school system sent home with my sons the type of material my family chooses not to use.

I find this troubling. Our tax dollars at work as it were.

I am not suggesting we raise our children in a sheltered environment, but adults must set an example, and show our youth that "ordinary people" can community decently.

Sound Off!

'Sound Off!' is your local call-in opinion line.

This week's comments:

Your paper was dated Dec. 10 & I received it Dec. 11 and in it was a notice that Buzz Oates speaks Dec. 11 and there was an AMI open house on Dec. 10 which we obviously missed.

I would appreciate it if... a few of these organizations would turn around and put in their "Local Scene" happenings prior to the day or two before publication.

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Can we get some police in the mornings on Westacre Rd.?

They're making it a two-laner when it's not. Cars coming the other way are going to be hit by cars going down the middle of the road that aren't turning off to the high school. This is near Meadow, under the overpass. It's a dangerous situation.

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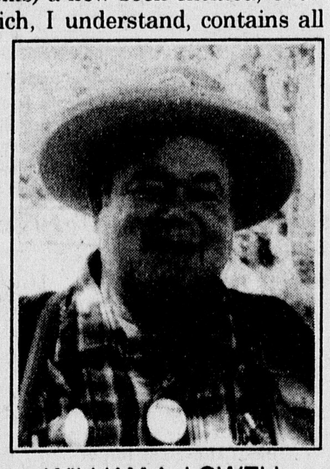
You're reading the newspaper West Sacramento reads.

Letters to the Editor

Shocked

I was shocked on December 9 to see our Washington Unified School District Board approve (for use in our classrooms) a new book entitled, Ordinary People -- which, I understand, contains all kinds of "four-letter words;" aka: filthy language. Such approval appears to endorse and encourage such dirty word use...under the guise of "freedom of speech."



WILLIAM A. LOWELL

Next thing we know, ethnic slurs will be okayed in classrooms, "for educational reasons" and FOS.

I have maintained over the years that those who constantly use such heretofore forbidden language must be very lonely if they use same, for they must be hungry for attention and, sadly, unable to express themselves effectively in a non-foul vocabulary.

The entire concept of "good manners," as we have come to know it, will be a mockery -- since good manners and filthy language do self-contradict and zero out one another.

If books like "Ordinary People," with its filthy language, become education's "tool for the future," that publisher and editor will make a lot of money. But what would happen if the filthy language were edited out? The same messages could be conveyed...unless dirty language is the theme of same.

One positive thought comes to mind: If we regress to accept filthy language as the norm, there would be much fewer lawsuits, like for allegedly having verbally offended someone, for no longer would any words be offensive -- right?

If you and your neighbors agree, let WUSD administration (930 Westacre Road, West Sac.) and River City High administration know. There's strength in numbers.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

lore on Ordinary People

Labeled as core reading for 10th grade classes. his is not an ordinary book. Profanity and blas- iemies are on almost every page. Not mention e sexual explicitness, the topic of masturbation id teen girls as sex objects. All are great topics of discussion for an English class at River City High School.

This book should not be in our schools!! It is not OK to use this kind of language in everyday talk at River City High School. But of course the book is OK and accepted because it's "literature."

Let us not forget the story has good information for our children to process and learn from.

That's what the W.U.S.D. had to say about this book.

We could choose better literature for our children to read and learn from, but our School Board chooses not to do so. Why? We want our children to learn and grow and make mature decisions. As the educators we need to be the example.

Our morals and ethics have taken a back seat. Our nation seems to be in a downward spiral. Our schools are showing evidence of this. We continue to ignore what is right.

As a Christian, I must not forget my duty to pray for our leaders in Government, The City of West Sac, and, of course, The School Board. (...Hal Williams too.)

CAROLYN BUTLER
West Sacramento

Defending Pastor Myers

In response to Jim Puga's attempt to make Pastor Myers seem like some kind of "burning" freak, I would like to say that I have known the man for almost a year. He is a caring, loving husband, father and pastor.

MADELYN TURNER

Pastor Myer's editorial was a call for West Sacramento parents to join him in keeping a book that is clearly not good for our children out of the library. A library and curriculum intended to aid our children in growing into fine, law-abiding, moral people who will be a credit to West Sacramento.

I question that if Jim Puga has children, would he allow them to visit a neighbor's house where they would be exposed to the language and actions shown in the book? Most parents would if go to almost any length to protect their children from sexual abuse. Why would Jim Puga not join Pastor Myers and the people of West Sacramento in protecting our children from mental sexual abuse.

If Jim Puga wants to smut up his children's minds I think he should check the book out of the school library, take it home and read it to and with them and keep it always. As for myself, a parent and grand-parent, please Donna White, do not make the impressionable young children in your school read this book (or any others like it).

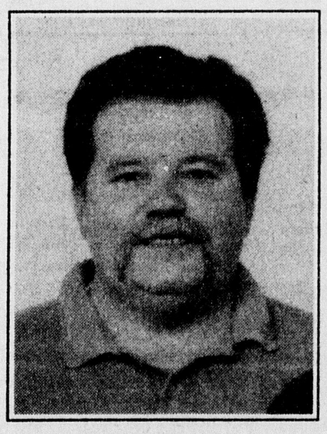
Pastor Myers and those who agree with him are God-fearing, flag-waving. Americans who still stand for the National Anthem, believe in God and Country. Historically, nations who turn from the high ideals which made American great have fallen to wicked leaders and tyranny. Which God and country does Jim Puga honor? I thank God for men like Pastor Myers who will stand for the highest and best, even if it means ridicule and abuse.

MADELYN TURNER
West Sacramento

School board adventures

On November 22, 1997 I wrote what I felt would be my one and only response to address the issues surrounding the WUSD board appointment. However, after reading the front page story on the December 3, 1997 News-Ledger regarding the police chief, I realized that we had just reached another low on the playing field. Was I surprised? Not really.

As a future candidate, I would like to begin by apologizing to the chief and his entire department, none of whom deserve to be dragged into this mess. Lt. Farmer was clear in stating that he would not in any way allow the department to get caught up in this pettiness, and then took appropriate action to accomplish that. Unfortunately, soon after that, a "trustee" (no pun intended) went to the chief's office to create a negative situation for Lt. Farmer. Although she states that she did not speak specifically about Lt. Farmer, the chief stated that much of the conversation was about Lt. Farmer. In fact when she paged me on that same day, she made it a point to tell me that she was in chief Gore's office, as if that should in some bizarre way intimidate me. there may be some political strife, but it is not in our police department, nor should it be. If this were not like some situational comedy it would be scary. Why in the world would people be picketing the police department? They have done a great job policing our city and continue to do that every day. To make these sort of public statements does nothing to enhance our educational system, and may be very close to violating law. I am also amazed that one officer would stand by and allow a fellow officer and his own department get dragged into this mess. It speaks volumes about character.



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If one readers the articles and opinions published in both of our location newspapers since early November it is not difficult to determine who is speaking the truth, and who is not. One can also determine what or who is making the process ugly. The process is a constitutional process and on its own merit a great process. The leaders of this process should be role models for the very children it is designed to educate. To date, I have seen nothing that I would want my child to follow. To win at any price only brings hollow victories. I challenge all once again to clean it up, and bring up our test scores, relieve the overcrowding, regain the confidence of our community and become proper role models.

The current antics remind me of three of my favorite comedic actors who have entertained generations in the past and present. To annoy candidates at their place of employment and to publicly slander them enhances nothing. The termination of this would almost be a bargain at any price. If the community allows this to continue they will get the same results. If you want change you must change the ingredients. The choice is yours, and many have died to make it so. Do not allow it to be taken from you and devaluate those lives that were given so freely for you to have choices.

EDWARD "ED" HOCKING
West Sacramento

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Wildwood Sales, 1725 Woodside Dr., Woodland, CA 95695:

William Ferrier, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/6/97.

/s/William Ferrier.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 5, 1997
by: /s/Chris Contreras, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 21, 1997
File No. 97-719

The following person is doing business as ACCORD, 417 Mace Boulevard, Suite J-284, Davis, CA 95616:

Rebecca A. Parker, 2550 Sycamore Lane #6H, Davis, CA 95616; Carolyn L. Penny, P.O. Box 4643, Davis 95617; Richard C. Casias, 747 Plum Lane, Davis 95616.

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/s/Richard C. Casias

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of PETER GALLEGOS, Minor.
No. JR-96-00170

TO: Peter Gallegos, Sr.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 238 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on January 21, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. o'clock. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Windy Avalos on May 25, 1988. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 11/26/97
/s/COMMISSIONER OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 26, 1997
File No. 97-726

The following persons are doing business as Blue Lagoon Pools, 3150 Allan Ave., West Sacramento, CA:

Gulab Singh, same address.

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/s/Gulab Singh

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by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 12, 1997
File No. 97-703

The following person is doing business as Bits & Bytes, 37 Jefferson Street, Woodland, CA 95695:

Timothy William Errington, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/14/92. Previous fictitious business name number 0092648-00.

/s/Timothy William Errington

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 12, 1997
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

Dec 10 17 24 31

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 10, 1997
File No. 97-639

The following person is doing business as Tuxedos & Bridal Del Futuro, 120 Main St. Ste. D, Woodland, CA 95695:

Leviticus McMillan, 1233 1/2 Depot St., Woodland, CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct 6, 1997.

/s/Leviticus McMillan

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct 10, 1997
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 6, 1997
File No. 97-695

The following person is doing business as VT Cattle Company, 1420 Madrone Way, Woodland, CA 95695:

Kimble Lee Timothy, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1 1997.

/s/Kimble L. Timothy

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 6, 1997
by: /s/Kim Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

Nov 26 Dec 3 10 17

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 14, 1997
File No. 97-709

The following person is doing business as Aggie Business Enterprises, Inc., dba Floors To Go, Davis:

Aggie Business Enterprises, Inc., 1826 Imperial Ave., Davis, CA 95616; incorporated in the State of Nevada.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/13/97.

/s/Claudia D. Wasilchen
President
Aggie Business Enterprises, Inc.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 4, 1997
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

Dec 17 24 31Jan. 7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 4, 1997
File No. 97-743

The following persons are doing business as Triad Farms, 32112 Co. Rd. 106, Dixon, CA (Yolo County); mailing: P.O. Box 2562 El Macero CA 95618:

Richard M. Martinez, 809 Mace Blvd., Davis, CA 95616; Mark L. Boone, 241 Cedar Place, Dixon, CA 95620; Richard A. Martinez, P.O. Box 2091, El Macero, CA 95618.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12-88.

/s/Richard M. Martinez

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 10, 1997
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

Dec 17 24 31Jan. 7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 6, 1997
File No. 97-696

The following person is doing business as RPS Enterprise, 867 McNeill Circle, Woodland, CA 95695:

Stewart Family Trust; Richard Brian Stewart and Paula Ban Stewart, Trustees; 867 McNeill Circle, Woodland, CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/97.

/s/Richard B. & Paula B. Stewart

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 6, 1997
by: /s/Kimberly Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 7, 1997
File No. 97-700

The following persons are doing business as Osiris Communications, 675 Alvarado Ave. #20, Davis, CA 95616:

Wayne Huang, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/98.

/s/Wayne Huang.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 12, 1997
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

Nov 26 Dec 3 10 17

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 10, 1997
File No. 97-756

The following person is doing business as Dunnbuckle Farms, 750 F Street, Suite 2, Davis, CA 95616:

Barbara McNece, Trustee, and Elmer McNece, Trustee, at 44495 Clubhouse Dr., El Macero, CA 95618.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/80.

/s/Barbara McNece, Trustee
/s/Elmer McNece, Trustee

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 10, 1997
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

Dec 17 24 31 Jan 7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of RUDY AVALOS, Minor.
No. JR-96-00294
CITATION

TO: Any person claiming to be the father of the above-named minor.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 238 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on January 21, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. o'clock. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Windy Avalos on May 25, 1988. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 12/5/97
/s/JANENE YEATES
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court

Dec 17 24 31 Jan 7

FILED Oct 28, 1997
FBN Number: 96-343
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Dorothy Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Consumer Advantage at 3470 Partridge Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 5/31/96.

Dorothy Anderson and Ryan Lee Anderson, same address as above.

This business was conducted by

/s/Dorothy Anderson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct. 28, 1997
by: Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Dec 3 10 17 24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NO. 174336FMA

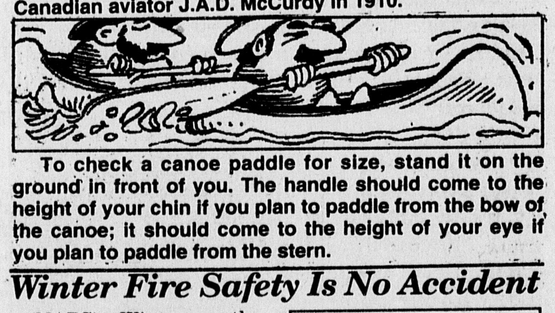
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 1990. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On January 7, 1998, at 04:00 P.M. At the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA In the city of West Sacramento, County of Yolo, State of California, California Reconveyance Company, a California Corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by Joseph A Isaacs and Marlene Beltram Isaacs, husband and wife as trustors, recorded on December 7, 1990, as Instrument No. 031208, in Book 2184, Page 659, of Official Records of Yolo County, State of California, under the power of sale therein contained, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, or check as described below, payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States of America, without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest now held by it as such Trustee in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to wit: APN: # 45-373-06 As more fully described in the Deed of Trust The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice are $125,045.46. Currently dated Cashiers Checks or Certified Checks payable to the Trustee or bidder are acceptable to Trustee provided proper identification is available. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address(es) or other common designation of the above described property is: 2658 Teal Drive West Sacramento, CA 95691 Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust including fees and expenses of the Trustee and of Sale. Dated December 4, 1997 California Reconveyance Company, as said Trustee, By Deborah Brignac - Vice President, Address of Trustee: 9451 Corbin Ave, Northridge, California 91324 Telephone Number: (916) 387-7728
Pub: 12/17/97, 12/24/97, 12/31/97
CNS1547305

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 97-0452-0125 Loan No.: 640178

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/16/92 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On 12/24/97 at 11:00 AM, LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/22/92, as Instrument No.041688, in book 2435, page 689, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California. Executed by JOHN M. KONKLE AND KIM S. KONKLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE
WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) ON THE MAIN STEPS TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET, WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA
(NOTE: CASHIER'S CHECK(S) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C. all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: 'As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust' APN #045-523-021
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:
2908 KATHY CIRCLE
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.
Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.
The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $189,689.98.
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
Date: December 02, 1997
LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., as Trustee
Sylvia Loredo, Authorized Signature
Address: P.O. Box 515388, Dallas, Texas 75251-5388
FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (626)398-5932
LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
12/3/97, 12/10/97, 12/17/97
NEWS-LEDGER (CA)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. # 23582-07 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/9/95 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/6/98 at 11:00 AM, TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/15/95, as Instrument No.95-0017953-00, in book //////, page //////, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California, executed by PEDRO MELENDEZ AND ROSALIA DOMINGUEZ MELENDEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at ON THE MAIN STEPS TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET, WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: APN #045-53-043 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2874 PITZER CIRCLE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $148,314.78. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: 12/16/97 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE KELLI J. ESPINOZA, Authorized Signature Address: 16633 Ventura Blvd., Suite 1000, Encino, California 91436 Phone (818) 986-8966 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. C267852 12/17, 12/24, 12/31 1997

The first airplane-to-ground messages were sent by Canadian aviator J.A.D. McCurdy in 1910.



To check a canoe paddle for size, stand it on the ground in front of you. The handle should come to the height of your chin if you plan to paddle from the bow of the canoe; it should come to the height of your eye if you plan to paddle from the stern.

Winter Fire Safety Is No Accident

(NAPS)—Winter months are the most deadly for residential fires, when space heaters, woodstoves, and other alternative heating sources are extensively used. However, there are time-tested ways to prevent and survive a fire.

"One of the most important home safety devices are working smoke detectors, which can provide the early warning necessary to escape a fire," said U.S. Fire Administrator Carrye Brown, the nation's top fire official. "Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, especially in sleeping areas, to increase your chances of surviving a residential fire."

Experts suggest the following important tips to preventing residential fire this winter:

- Portable electric space heaters need their space, keep anything flammable at least three feet away;
- Keep fire in the fireplace. Use heavy fire screens to cover the entire fireplace opening;
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected annually, creosote build-up is a common cause of chimney fires;
- Only use the manufacturers' recommended fuel for space heaters, and never refill them while operating or still hot;
- Dispose of hot fireplace ashes in covered metal containers placed away from the home;
- Never leave operating space heaters or woodstoves unattended;
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home. In addition to being a fire hazard, they can be sources of potentially toxic fumes; and
- Keep nearby fire hydrants clear of snow and ice for easy access in an emergency.

"In addition to having working smoke detectors, families should practice escape plans from every room in the home. Caution everyone to stay low to the floor when escaping from fire and never to open doors that are hot," said Administrator Brown.

"Instruct the family to never re-enter a burning home, no possession is worth dying for. Select a location on the same side of the street you live on where everyone can meet after escaping the house. Get everyone out quickly and then call the fire department from a neighbor's home. These are the essential elements of our new safety and prevention campaign, *Fire Stops With You*," added Brown.

Smoke detectors require a little maintenance to keep them in top working condition. First, replace the batteries with new ones at least once a year. Keep them clean by vacuuming over and around them regularly. Finally, many smoke detector manufacturers recommend replacing the entire smoke detector approximately every ten years.

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D-17tfn

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C-16

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W-13tfn1pd

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P-17

Nordic Track 2000 skier. Paid $200, sell $125. Call 375-1627 after 3:30 pm.
G-19

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Unless you want to save money EVERY TIME you shop for groceries! LIMITED OFFER - ONLY $24.95. Coupon Connection of California, P.O. Box 1684, Dept. DL, Woodland, CA 95776.
M-19

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M-17tfn

Nutrition Site Manager to oversee meal service to senior citizens in West Sacramento. 9-1, M-F, $6.43-7.43/hr. For application call (530) 662-7035. EOE.
ENP-18

PETS

FOUND: Puppy, female, golden-tan, about 3 months old, near Riverbend golf course. 372-0264.
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FOUND: English pointer, male, white w/tan ears. Around a year old. 371-1145.
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FOUND Black & tan 4-6 month old male puppy. 372-0409.
A-15

FOUND: female dog, looks like cocker/ lab mix (whoever placed the lost dog ad previously, please call). 371-0966. 2

FOUND: gray spotted tabby kitten 10th st. around 9/1. 371-5765.
T-7

AUTOS

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B-11

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D-10tfn

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Local Scene

School Caravan

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools invites the public to join the 1997-98 School Caravan to school programs. This is an opportunity to visit a variety of programs operated by the superintendent. The School Caravan Schedule is as follows: Tour 1, January 14 and March 11; Tour 2, November 12 and February 11; and Tour 3, February 25 and May 13 (which will include programs in West Sacramento schools). Please RSVP at 668-6700 if you wish to join the School Caravan.

Help Homeless

The Broderick Christian Center's Transitional Housing Program is seeking organizations, businesses, and individuals to adopt homeless families for the rapidly approaching Christmas season. Families need food baskets, winter clothing, and toys for the children. The Transitional Housing Program has the ability to house 12 separate families with minor children at one time. The program provides case management and life skills classes to help the families reacquire a stable environment. Graduates of the program can participate in an aftercare program for up to one year. To sponsor a homeless family call the Broderick Christian Center at 372-0200, and ask for Delissa or Sharon.

Kids' Xmas Party

All children of the community are invited to come talk to Santa, watch a puppet show, help decorate the tree and have a snack at a Children's Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 20 at the West Sacramento Elks Lodge located at 1020 West Capitol Ave. The party begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 12 p.m. It is requested that parents please accompany their children.

Juanishi Orosco

The G.S.M.S. Golden Group and The Bilingual Advisory Committee (B.A.C.) in collaboration with The G.S.M.S. Visual and Performing Arts Department proudly presents Juanishi Orosco, community muralist and active reserve member of the Royal Chicano Air Force, at 7 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 17 at the Golden State Middle School Library located at 1100 Carrie Street in West Sacramento. Orosco will present a slide lecture on his murals and the process of mural making.

"The Fourth Wiseman"

Everyone is invited to the video presentation of "The Fourth Wiseman." This Christmas classic is based on Henry Van Dyke's classic, "The Story of the Other Wise Man." A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his servant to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss him at every turn. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new king, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin. The presentation will be at the Anna Street Baptist Church, 1400 Anna Street in West Sacramento. The general public is invited. There is no admission charge.

Xmas for Seniors

For the second year in a row, the Rotary Club of West Sacramento has helped brighten the Christmas season for our less fortunate senior citizens. With the full cooperation of Raley's, these volunteer local business people, headed by Chiropractor Dr. Charyl Silva and City Parks & Recreation Director Don Schatzel, have set up a gift wrapping table in the local Raley's, next to a Christmas tree with tags designated various local nursing home residents -- age, sex and size, only. The Rotarians invite shoppers to buy a gift for an individual described on a tree tag, such as a pair of slippers, some warm socks or whatever that shopper wishes to give. The Rotarians gift warp the purchases and deliver them to the nursing homes. Many times it is the only gift that individual receives for Christmas.

Coats for Kids

The Rotary Club of West Sacramento -- with a big boost from Walmart in Woodland -- is providing 202 warm winter coats for needy elementary school kids in West Sacramento. President Bob Collins originally budgeted $3500 to buy coats and chairman Ernie Hodges of Sacramento Valley Farm Credit, ACA in Woodland contacted Dan Burnhart, Manager of the Walmart store in Woodland. Much to the club's delight, Mr. Burnhart not only agreed to get the coats at cost, but he volunteered $2000 more for this cause, thus providing a total investment of $5500. The coast will be in a variety of sizes, colors, styles and brands; thus, no child will be "branded" as being needy by his appearance in a "Rotary coat." Coat distribution will be handled by retired educator and Rotarian, Dick Uno, working with officials of the Washington Unified School District.

Joy to the World

Christ was born of a virgin in a stable in the city of Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago bringing hope and life to all who receive him. This narrative will be played out with dynamic music and singing by the choir and difference soloists. From shepherds in the field to King Herod in his palace you will follow the birth of Jesus in its entirety. There are two free performances: Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Both performances will be at Joy Christian Ministries, 828 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento. For more information call 375-0066.

Music Instruction

Musical Instrument Instruction begins January 6, 1998 for anyone who would like to learn to play the drums, bass guitar, guitar, saxophone or keyboard. Students must be 10 years or older. Classes will meet once per week at Joy Christian Ministries, 828 Merkley Ave. in West Sacramento. For more information or to register for classes please call 375-0066 and leave a message.

Nativity Scene

On the evenings of Friday, Dec. 19 and Saturday, Dec. 20, there will be a live Nativity Scene on the front lawn of First Baptist Church, 1511 Delaware Ave. (corner of 15th and Delaware -- 2 blocks off Park Blvd.) Drive by and view the "real" reason we celebrate the Christmas season.

Xmas Musical

On Sunday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m., the adult choir of First Baptist Church will be presenting a Christmas musical entitled, "Christmas! Celebrate the Wonder!" The entire community is welcome and there will be nursery care available. There will also be candy canes for every "kid!" Call the church at 371-4061 for more information.

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REDEVELOPMENT from p. 1

and law enforcement? Why don't they deal with West Capitol Avenue's sub-standard motels and apartments and the criminal element they attract? For that matter, why did it take redevelopment to get rid of the infamous adult book stores? According to Redevelopment Agency Director Val Toppenberg, zoning, police and redevelopment powers are all needed for West Sacramento to realize its potential as a city.

"One agency alone can't do it," agreed Councilman Potnick. It takes a multi-task force including zoning code enforcement, health standards enforcement, law enforcement, and redevelopment, he explained. "Motel residents, as well as property owners, are protected by law to a far greater extent than people understand," Potnick continued. "West Sacramento is pursuing vigorous abatement of health issues. . .we have a lot more to do on West Capitol. We have aggressive code enforcement, but it takes a long time. [It is] an arduous bureaucratic process. Property owners know the system, too," he said.

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Answers to Puzzles

Vision Teasers

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Coral is different. 4. Jacket is opened. 5. Shark is moved. 6. Sign is moved.

solution

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2	1	2	2	7
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Sports Quiz Answers

1. Warren registered 363 victories; 2. Babe Ruth in 1933; 3. Andre's nickname was "The Hawk" and the last baseball team he played for was the Florida Marlins in 1996; 4. Artie Lee Wilson; 5. Kansas City Royals, New York Mets, Toronto Blue Jays, New York Yankees; 6. Cal surpassed Eddie Murray in homers and Brooks Robinson in RBI's; 7. Frank Robinson; 8. The Koreon War in 1952.

Answers to Super Crossword

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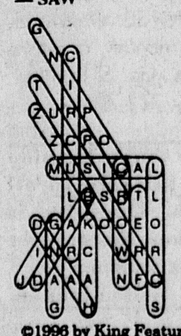

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Thanks to all who played.
Watch for another game soon!